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# Rams too much for Owls

**"There isn't a thing that we did well and they did everything well," said Westfield State Coach Steve Marino.**

By **MIKE GILLMEISTER**

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WESTFIELD – Evan Berneche had three touchdowns and 115 all-purpose yards for Westfield State College Saturday to show that his transition from wide receiver to running back is a success story, but the undermanned Owls couldn't overcome an early deficit and fell to Framingham State College, 48-27.

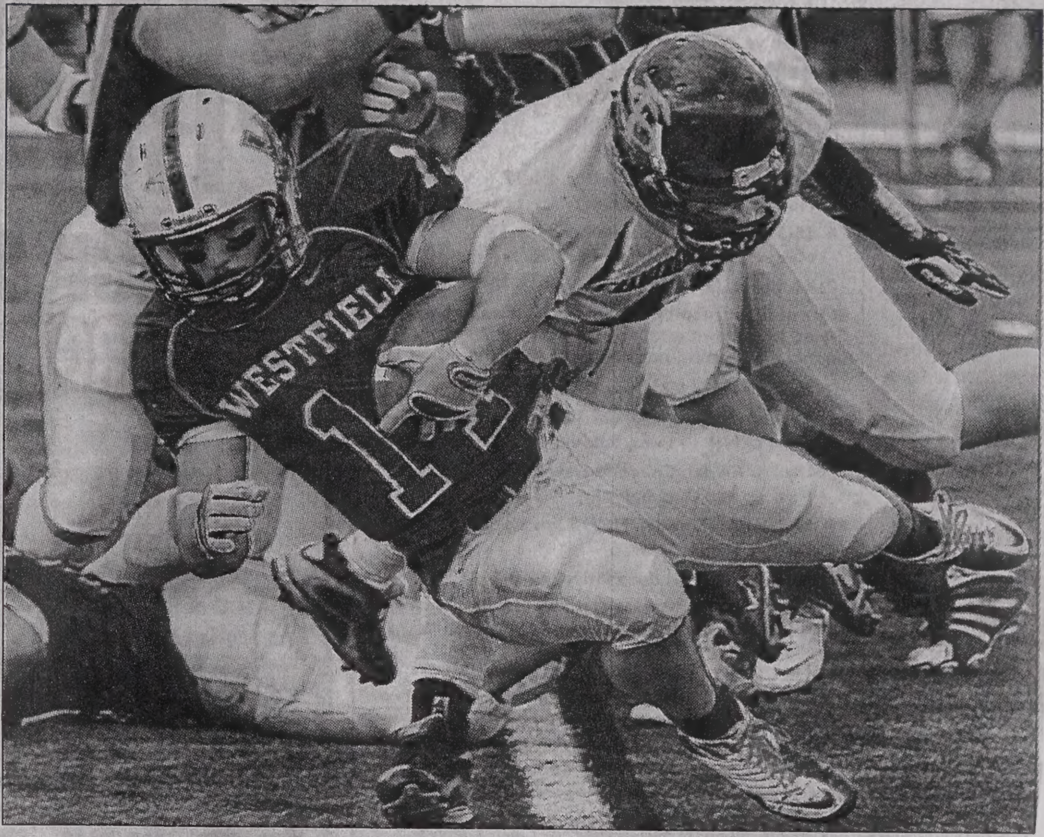
Framingham (6-2, 4-1 New England Football Conference) jumped out to an early 17-point lead in the first quarter and the Owls (3-5, 2-3) never recovered.

WSC starting quarterback Tyler Dow was just 3-of-15 for 26 yards and an interception before being pulled late in the third quarter in favor of junior Dylan Smith, who completed six of 11 passes for 90 yards and two touchdowns – one rushing, one passing.

"They just outplayed us in just about every facet of the game," said WSC coach Steve Marino.

"There isn't a thing that we did well and they did everything well. We were pretty much dominated today."

Rams quarterback Kurt Leone put up NFL-like numbers, throwing for 313 yards and four touchdowns on 15-of-22 passing. A noteworthy difference between the two starters is that Dow spent a lot of time on the turf, being sacked three times while the Owl defense got to Leone just once.



Staff photo by **JOHN SUCHOCKI**

**Westfield State College's Evan Berneche (11) tries for extra yards in the second quarter Saturday in the Owls 48-27 loss to Framingham State. See John Suchocki's photo gallery of the game at Masslive.com/photo**

It didn't help that defensive end Chris Walker – one of WSC's most consistent defensive players and a West Springfield native – left the game early in the second half with a leg injury.

The loss of Walker, who leads the team with four sacks to go along with 14 tackles, would hurt an already young Owls team.

WSC would turn to other defensive stoppers to make plays, however. WSC had 82 tackles to the Ram's 49

Linebacker Justin Ehrhardt had a game-high six solo tackles – nine total tackles – and pitched in with a sack as well.

Defensive back Ryan O'Conell also had nine tackles for the Owls.

Smith led WSC to its only scoring drive through the air, finishing with a 33-yard strike to Berneche.

Berneche entered his second game of the season as the Owls' feature back and with only one full week of practice under his belt but he noted that he felt comfortable in the backfield.

"I felt good in the backfield (because) the line was making blocks but things just weren't going our way. I don't know what else you can say about that," he said.

While Berneche is the team's feature back, he also lined up as a receiver on a couple of occasions. Marino isn't comfortable with that, but after the departure of a few players in recent weeks, he may have no choice.

"It's sort of a double-edged sword," Marino said of using Berneche in both positions in one game.

"I'd prefer not to do that but we're in a tough situation. We've had some kids quit; we've had some kids get hurt and so we're just trying to get the ball to our best player. We don't love doing it but we're doing it out of necessity more than anything else."

The Owls travel next to Buzzard's Bay to take on division rival Mass Maritime Academy (4-4, 3-2) next Saturday. Game time is set for 1:30.

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Staff photo by **JOHN SUCHOCKI**

**Westfield State College linebacker Justin Ehrhardt tries to get a grip on Framingham State College quarterback Kurt Leone during the second quarter Saturday at Westfield. Framingham won 48-27.**

# Five WSU football players make All-Division team

WESTFIELD — Five Westfield State University football players were selected to the New England Football Conference (NEFC) All-Division teams in voting conducted by the coaches.

First-team selections in the eight-team NEFC Bogan Division were senior running back Evan Berneche (Chicopee), senior punter Chris Stengel (Baldwin, Md.), junior defensive back Ryan O'Connell (Athol) and sophomore defensive end Chris Walker (West Springfield). Sophomore linebacker Justin Ehrhardt (Stoneham) was a second-team pick.

Berneche had a stellar senior season for the Owls and he was recognized by the coaches for his efforts despite playing only four games at running back. The do everything 5-10, 195-pound Chicopee Comp High School graduate led the Owls with 596 yards rushing. He toted the ball 118 times for 5.0 yards per carry.

Berneche was spectacular in his running back debut during the seventh game as he rushed for 236 yards on 37 carries in leading Westfield to its first-ever victory over Coast Guard. Berneche earned the prestigious Gold Helmet Award as the New England Division II/III player of the week for his outstanding effort.

Berneche amassed 1,269 all-purpose yards as he also led the Owls in receiving (31 catches, 534 yards, 17.2 yards per catch) and punt returns (18 returns, 120 yards, 6.7 yards per return). He scored 11 touchdowns (6 rushing, 5 receiving) and rushed for a two-point conversion for 68 points, the eight best single-season total in school his-

# Owls get first road win of season against Mass Maritime

**By Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

Coming off a game where Westfield State's defense allowed Framingham State quarterback Kurt Leone to throw for over 300 yards, the Owls (4-5, 3-3 NEFC) stepped up and played an inspired game of football.

The Owls' defense forced four turnovers on the day, three interceptions and one forced fumble, on their way to a 28-14 road victory over Mass Maritime.

Leading the defense for Westfield was junior defensive back Ryan O'Connell who intercepted Maritime quarterback Mike Stanton late in the third quarter and brought it back 48 yards for a game sealing touchdown.

It was Ryan's fourth interception of year and the second time that he scored on an interception return this season.

Leading tackler Justin Ehrhardt had another solid game with 12 tackles and a forced fumble.Dave Jolicoeur and Dan Dowling had interceptions in the game as well.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Owls once again relied heavily on Evan Berneche who ran for 158 yards and one score on 38 carries.

With the Owls being able to establish ball control and maintain a lead, they did not force quarterback Tyler Dow to throw the ball more than what was necessary.

Dow threw for 59 yards including a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jeff Winchell in the second quarter.

Though Westfield's offense only accumulated 186 total yards, they benefited from great field position thanks to Justin Karrat who had three kick returns for 91 yards, including a 47-yard return to set up the Owls at Maritime 23 yard line.

Karrat also added a 10-yard scoring run on his only carry of the game.

Nathan Sherr led the Bucs with 67 yards rushing and a score while Matt White added 64.

Jonathan Emond hauled in four passes for 83 yards including a 40-yard TD pass from freshman quarterback Mike Stanton.

Stanton went 11-of-27 for 159 yards and a score but was intercepted three times.

*photo courtesy of Joshua Katz, Worcester State*

Evan Berneche eclipsed 150 yards on the ground in the win over Mass Maritime.

Westfield has one more game left this season and hopes to end it on a high note as they play the Fitchburg State Falcons on Senior Day this Saturday at noon.

The Falcons come into this game with a 1-8 record following a 41-6 loss to Worcester State last week.

Even though Fitchburg comes into this game with a poor record, the Owls cannot afford to take them lightly.

The Falcons average 15 points per game and have a balanced offensive attack.

Their starting running back, Darren Wilson, has rushed for 771 yards and 6 touchdowns this year.

In the passing game receiver, Kyle Callahan leads the Falcons with 37 catches for 469 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Finally, it will be interesting to see if someone other than Berneche steps up and helps carry the load on the offensive side of the ball to help balance the offense for Westfield.

The game will kick off from Alumni Field tomorrow at 12:00 p.m.

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# WSU stops skid

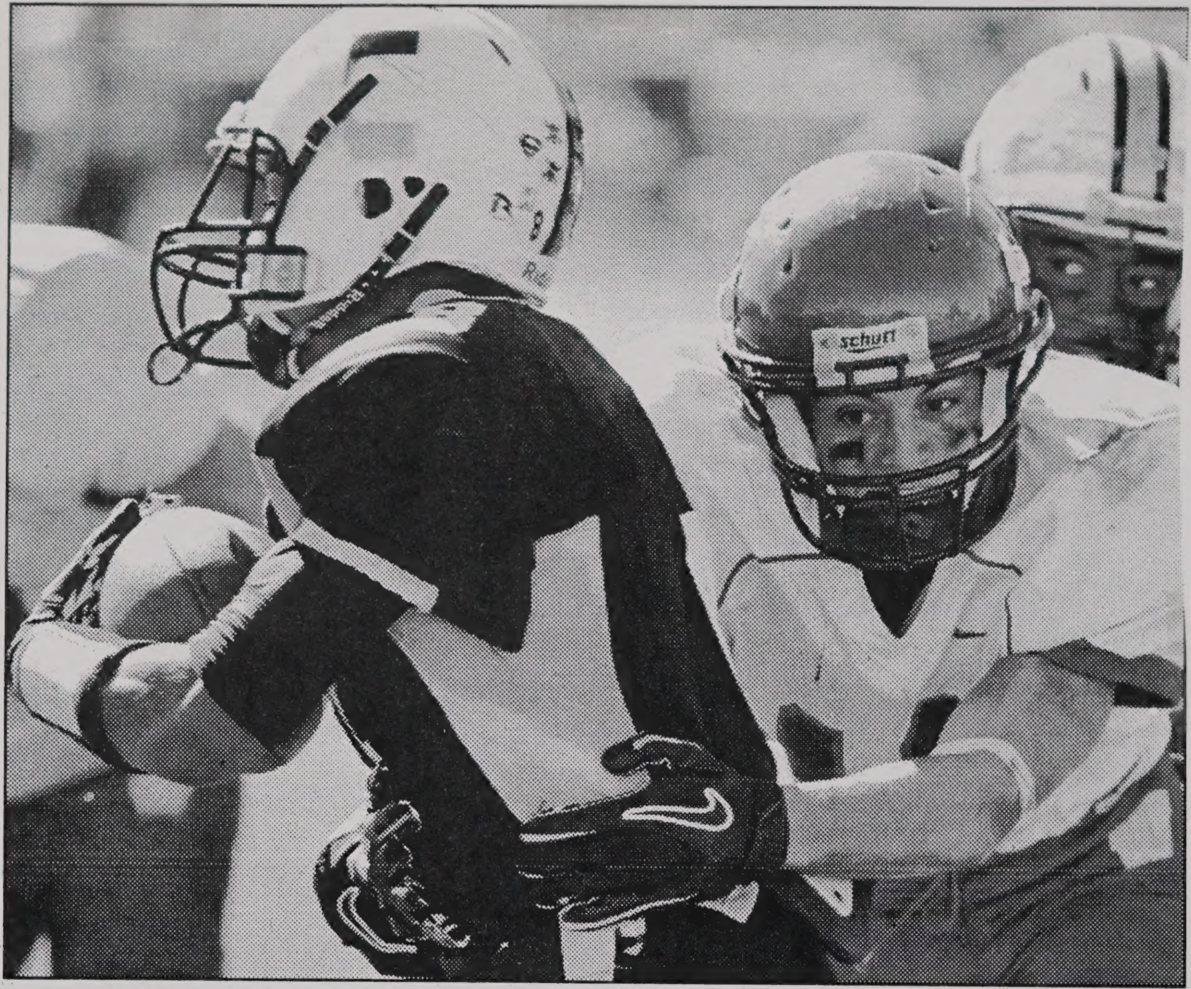
WESTFIELD – Junior Luke Johnson (South Attleboro) rushed for 132 yards on 30 carries and a touchdown to lead Westfield State University to a 15-0 New England Football Conference victory over Bridgewater State University on Saturday.

Westfield (2-3, 1-1) snapped a three-game losing skid in pitching its first shutout since the seventh game of the 2008 season in front of the large Family Weekend crowd. Bridgewater, which has not scored an offensive touchdown in three straight games, is 2-3 overall and 0-2 in the NEFC Bogan Division.

After a fast-paced scoreless first half, the Owls finally lit the scoreboard late in the third quarter. They put together an eight-play, 77-yard drive that was capped by a two-yard touchdown run by Johnson. Two key plays in the scoring drive were a Bridgewater roughing the passer penalty and a 25-yard run by Johnson.

Westfield quickly regained possession when a fumbled pitchout was recovered by Ryan O'Connell (Athol) at the Bears 24. Five plays later Westfield quarterback Dylan Smith (Worcester/Burncoat) scampered into the end zone on a bootleg from four yards out.

On the PAT attempt, holder Evan Berneche (Chicopee/Comp) picked up the errant snap and bulled his



*Westfield's's Garrett Baker, right, makes the tackle on a Central Golden Eagle runner during the second quarter of a high school football game Saturday in Springfield.* (Photo by Frederick Gore)

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# Leone's 5 TDs leads FSU past Westfield State

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior quarterback Kurt Leone (Marshfield) compeleted 15 of 22 passes for 313 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 45 yards and a touchdown to power Framingham State University to a 48-27 New England Football Conference Bogan Division victory over Westfield State University on Saturday.

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The Rams - who snapped a 14-game winless streak vs. Westfield dating back to 1995 – improved to 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the Bogan Division. Westfield dropped to 3-5 and 2-3 following its Alumni Weekend game.

Junior wide receiver James McCarthy (Newton) was the recipient of all four of Leone's scoring strikes, setting a school record for most touchdown receptions in a game. McCarthy caught five passes 145 receiving yards, scoring twice in both the first quarter (10 yards, 28 yards) and third quarter (38, 26).

The explosive Rams racked up 567 yards in total offense (329 passing, 238 rushing) while holding the Owls to 170 yards in total offense. David Leach (Chelmsford) rushed for an even 100 yards on 11 carries and Shawn Miller (Tyngsboro) rushed for 91 yards and a touchdown.

With Leone rifling lasers down the field, the Rams led 17-0 after the first quarter. They led 24-0 with 10:08 remaining in the first half following a three-yard TD run by Miller. Westfield made the halftime score 24-7 on a three-yard TD run by Evan Berneche (Chicopee).

Following a pair of Leone-to-McCarthy scoring strikes and a safety, Framingham increased its lead to 40-7 with 7:37 remaining in the third quarter. Westfield trailed 40-13 after three quarters following a five-yard TD run by backup quarterback Dylan Smith.

A four-yard TD by Leone and two Berneche touchdowns (33 yard pass, 2-yard run) closed out the scoring in the final stanza.

Berneche scored three touchdowns, rushed for 74 yards on 21 carries, and caught three passes for 41 yards.

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# Evan Berneche leads Westfield to win over Coast Guard

**By Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

A player who was playing his first game at a position treated Westfield State football fans with an astounding performance. That player was senior wide receiver and now converted running back Evan Berneche.

Berneche carried the ball 37 times for 238 yards and one touchdown, with 141 of those yards coming in the first half alone, as the Owls (3-4, 2-2 in oonference) pulled a 26-15 victory over the Coast Guard Bears in a very competitive game.

The win against Coast Guard was the first win for the Owls in this series as they had lost their previous seven games to the Bears.

Berneche, who had never played running back in college or in high school, filled in for Luke Johnson who earlier in the week left the team for personal reasons.

Berneche found out that he would be starting at running back on Monday of last week and was up for the challenge.

The decision to go with Berneche at running back was a huge surprise for the Bears' defense, as they prepared only to face Berneche as a wide out.

"I am very thankful for my offensive line as they provided some huge holes for me to work with," Berneche said after the game.

Westfield controlled the ball for 31 minutes of the game and ran a very conservative style of offense to limit mistakes that have haunted the Owls the last couple of weeks.

Quarterback Tyler Dow got the start and was 6-16 for 51 yards and also added one rushing touchdown.

This was the first game this season that the Owls did not thrown an interception and because of this, they were able to effectively utilize the running game. Junior fullback Justin Karrat also added in a 1-yard scoring run late in the first half, to bring the Owls lead to 13-6 at halftime.

This was all the help the Owls' defense needed as they forced three interceptions and sacked Bears' quarterbacks six times in the game.

The game was finally put out reach after Ryan O'Connell picked off Bears' quarterback Jesse Karr for his second interception of the game and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown with 2:55 left in the game.

O'Connell finished the day with seven tackles along with those two interceptions and credited his defensive line for helping get those turnovers.

"The D-line was huge and created a lot of pressure on the quarterback enabling me to make some plays in the secondary," O'Connell said.

However, not to be outdone by the strong performance by O'Connell was defensive end Chris Walker who finished with six tackles in the game along with three sacks and was thorn in the back of the Coast Guard offense all day.

Coast Guard was not able to produce a solid running game after their starting running back Jarrod Owens went down with an injury.

Owens' backup Ryan Webster did an adequate job filling in for him and ran for 40 yards and also had five catches for 43 yards.

The Coast Guard quarterbacks were 27-44 for 247 yards as Jesse Karr filled in for starter Jon Resch who left the game with an injury.

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Evan Berneche led the Owls with 238 rushing yards.

Next week Westfield faces a very strong Framingham State Rams team who is 5-2 this year and is coming of a 50-26 loss to Maine Maritime.

The Rams have a prolific offense this year and average almost 32 points per game. Senior quarterback Kurt Leone leads the Rams' offense and has thrown 1808 yards this year for 20 touchdowns.

Twelve of those touchdowns have gone to wide receiver James McCarthy who has caught 40 balls for 622 yards along with those 12 scores.

Along with this great passing game, the Rams have a powerful running attack led by freshman running back Melikke Van Alstyne who has rushed 878 yards and five touchdowns.

This will be a very tough test for the Owls' defense as there are not a lot of holes in this offense.

It will be crucial for Westfield to get another big game out of Berneche on offense, but the Owls must also be efficient in the passing game if they want to win this game. The game is tomorrow, October 23 at 1:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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# Owls football back on track with shutout win over Bears

**By Peter Francis**
Voice Reporter

It was a picturesque afternoon for some football last Saturday, as Alumni Field was packed to capacity for the Family Day match-up between the Westfield State Owls and their MASCAC rivals, the Bridgewater State Bears.

With the Bears seated at 2-2 and the Owls resting at 1-3, this contest would have serious implications in both conference play and for the second half of the season for the two squads.

Westfield was able to pull ahead in the second half and take a 15-0 victory over Bridgewater, taking the Sodexho Trophy for the rivalry win.

Bridgewater won the coin toss, but chose to kick off to begin the game. Westfield returned, and the game was under way.

Junior Running back Luke Johnson of South Attleboro was returning from an injury and let the Bears have it, rushing for 132 yards on 30 carries, including a touchdown in the third quarter for the game's first points.

The game also saw Junior Quarterback Dylan Smith (Worcester/ Burncoat) make his first collegiate start.

Smith proved that good things come to those who wait, as he went 7-11 passing for 98 yards, and rushed for a touchdown of his own for the game's final score.

The game saw the Owls challenged by the Bears spread, option happy offense, which was led by quarterback Mike McCarthy and running back Kyle Brodeur.

However, the Owls would proceed to make life rough for McCarthy, as he was picked off early by senior linebacker Bryan Anderson (Stoneham).

McCarthy was also sacked twice on the afternoon.

The Owls advanced the ball up-field as sophomore wideout Kevin Parnell (Berlin, CT) and Junior C.J. Franklin (Natick) would haul in two receptions apiece for 53 and 36 yards respectively.

But the man of the hour was Johnson, whose power rushing keyed the Owls offensive attack.

As the first half ended with a score of 0-0, the Owls regained their week one form, keeping the Bears at bay and never allowing them to come within striking distance.

Punter Chris Stengel (Baldwin, MD/ North Harford) was a weapon on special teams, pushing the Bears into their own territory time and again, including a booming 60 yarder.

The defensive highlight of the day came with seven minutes to go in the second half when Bridgewater punt returner Nick Pistacchio returned a Stengel punt 41 yards and looked to give the Bears a touchdown.

Westfield sophomore Linebacker Anthony Renari (Ayer) had other ideas, however, roping Pistacchio in with a fish hook tackle in Westfield territory.

Ten seconds later, McCarthy was picked by sophomore defensive back Erik Wellhoff (Natick) to seal the Westfield victory.

After the game, Smith was ecstatic about his team's performance. "This was definitely more of a team win," he stated. "We played hard and limited turnovers. That's how you win football games."

When asked about his first career start, he was enthusiastic. "It's a great feeling, I'm glad I could get the win.

"I'm pumped for the team, though. This is just what we needed."

Stengel was also excited with the team's performance. "We beat them by a lot more than 15," he said. "We've been working real hard, and it showed today.

"We put it in (the end zone) when it counted. I'm satisfied with this win."

With the win, Westfield pulls even with Bridgewater at 2-3 on the season.

The Owls head to Castine, Maine tomorrow to face Maine Maritime Academy (3-1) at 1:00 p.m.

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# Westfield heads to WNEC after loss to Montclair

**By Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

In a game where the Westfield State Owls were not seen as a real threat, they proved otherwise. Though the final score read 34-0 in favor of the Montclair State Red Hawks, the game was actually much closer.

Going up against a team that was ranked 23rd in the country in the Division III national poll, the Owls (1-1) played a passionate style of defense and only trailed by six points at halftime.

Unfortunately, Westfield's offense could not capitalize on the many opportunities that their defense and Montclair gave them.

The Owls only accumulated 103 yards of total offense in the game and were unable to get anything going in the running or passing game. Facing a defense that was coming off a great 2009 season, the Owls only real scoring opportunity came near the end of the game where they were within eight yards of the end zone.

Backup quarterback Dylan Smith (2-4 for 28 yards) led the Owls 64 yards down field to the MSU eight yard line with under a minute remaining in the game.

But Montclair defensive back Matt Mancino picked off a pass in the end zone to end the threat with 22 seconds left in the game.

WSU linebacker Justin Ehrhardt had a game-high 13 tackles and had a 15-yard interception return in the game to lead the Owls' defense.

The Red Hawks ran for 251 yards, including 174 from running back Chris D'Andrea, against that was much smaller than Montclair's offensive line.

The Red Hawks broke the game open near the end of the third quarter when they scored on a 45-yard pass from quarterback Tom Fischer to D'Andrea to bring the score to 13-0. Montclair never looked back after that.

Though this was a tough loss for the Owls to take, it hopefully will raise their confidence knowing that they played nose to nose football for three quarters against a nationally ranked team.

The Owls will now head to Springfield and face Western New England College tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

The Western New England Golden Bears (1-1) are coming off an impressive 30-6 victory over Mass Maritime last Saturday.

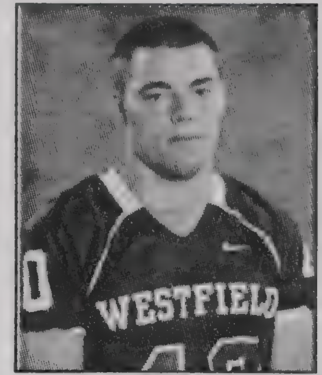
In that game, yards behind junior running back J.J. Jachym's career high 177 yards. Also helping the Golden Bears in the win was quarterback Bryce Brown, who ran for 100 yards of his own.

In order for Westfield to win this game, it will be important for the Owls' defense to shut down the Golden Bears' powerful running game.

In the Golden Bears' first game of the season against Norwich College, the Bears only accounted for 59 yards rushing in a 35-7 loss.

Westfield will need to force WNEC into similar rushing numbers to get the win.

After giving up 251 yards on the ground last week, it will be vital for the Owls' front-seven to clog up the holes of the



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Justin Ehrhardt had a game-high 13 tackles and an interception.

It will also be crucial for Westfield quarterback Tyler Dow to get back into a good rhythm in the passing game in order to set up the run for running back Luke Johnson.

Both teams will be looking for their second win

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# Rams put on passing clinic in victory over Westfield

**By Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

Coming off a very impressive victory last week over Coast Guard, the Westfield State Owls were ready to showcase Evan Berneche for a second week against the Framingham State Rams.

Unfortunately, nobody told Kurt Leone and James McCarthy this as Leone (the Rams' quarterback) put on a show for the fans at Alumni Field, throwing for 313 yards and four touchdowns on 15-22 passing in a 48-27 beat down of the Owls.

All four of those touchdowns went to his favorite wide receiver, McCarthy, who now has 16 touchdown grabs on the year.

Coming into this game the Owls had beaten the Rams 14 straight times including a 20-2 victory last year.

However, that was a different Rams team. Leone, who transferred from Merrimack this year, has 24 touchdowns passes on the year, which is a single season record for the Rams.

McCarthy also put his name in the record books as he added most touchdown receptions, points and touchdowns in a single season to his resume.

With the loss, the Owls now fall to 3-5 on the season (2-3 in the conference).

With the Rams offense producing many points early, the Owls were forced to throw the ball and were unable to control the clock with their running game.

Quarterback Tyler Dow, who was 3-15 for 26 yards and an interception, was later pulled in favor of Dylan Smith, who was 6-11 for 90 yards and led the Owls on two scores.

One of the TDs came on a pass to Berneche and the second came when he ran it in himself.

Berneche was the only real bright spot on offense for Westfield, accumulating 115 all-purpose yards (74 on the ground and 41 receiving).

This was the second game that Berneche played running back and he was unable to equal the stellar performance he had last week when he ran for over 200 yards and received the Golden Helmet award for best offensive performance in New England.

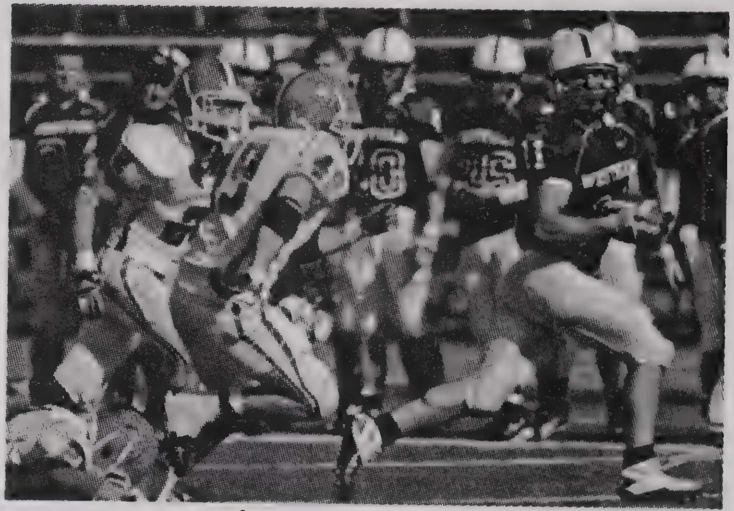
Berneche had three touchdowns in the game, one on a 33-yard pass from Smith late in the game and two rushing touchdowns, but it was not enough to stop the Rams on this day.

On the defensive side of the ball, Justin Ehrhardt and Ryan O'Connell both chipped in with 9 tackles each to lead the Owls.

The Owls will try to regain their confidence and get a win this week as they travel to Buzzard's Bay to face Mass Maritime Academy at 1:30 p.m.

The Mass Maritime Buccaneers come into this game after a tough loss to Maine Maritime 28-27. The loss brought the Buccaneers record to 4-4.

Mike Stanton leads the Mass Maritime offense and has thrown for 893 yards with 7 touchdowns and 8 interceptions this season.



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Evan Berneche led the Owls' offense with three touchdowns, but it wasn't enough in the loss to Framingham.

The Bucs' other big weapon on the offensive side is Matt White, who has 9 rushing touchdowns on the year.

Coming off a tough loss, it will be important for the Owls' defense to step up and create turnovers in order for the Owls to maintain a solid running game.

Westfield might be without defensive end Chris Walker who left the game against Framingham with an injury. Walker leads the Owls with 4 sacks this season.

In addition, it will be interesting to see how Westfield's secondary recovers after allowing so many yards in the passing game last week.

The Owls only have two games left on the schdule this season. Their final game will come on November 6 against Fitchburg State at Alumni Field.

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# Westfield falls to 2-4 on a historic day for Jim Bower

**By Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

After coming off an impressive 15-0 victory over Bridgewater State, the Westfield State Owls traveled to Castine, Maine to face off against Maine Maritime and their prolific rushing attack this past Saturday.

Coming into the game, the Mariners were the number one ranked Division-III rushing offense in the nation, averaging 506 yards per game on the ground this year, and they did not disappoint their fans last week.

Running the ball 62 times, the Mariners ran for 435 yards rushing in the game in a 42-21 win over the Owls.

Helping lead this stout attack was running back Nick Bourassa who ran for 156 yards and three scores.

But not be outdone was fullback Jim Bower who recorded two touchdowns on his way to 146 yards rushing.

This game will be one that Bower will remember for the rest of his life because in this game he surpassed 5,000 career-rushing yards.

With 6:20 to go in the third quarter, Bower ran the ball for 10 yards to the Owls' one-yard line and became the third Mariner running back in the program's long history to surpass the 5,000-yard rushing mark in a career.

He finished the game with 5,080, leaving him in 17th place on the D-III career rushing yards list.

The Owls were once again hurt by turnovers as they committed six in the game. Starting quarterback Dylan Smith threw three interceptions and one of those interceptions was returned for a touchdown.

The Owls then turned to Tyler Dow to help create a spark but he also threw three interceptions.

However, Dow was able to lead the Owls on a nice scoring drive after Gregg Jackson intercepted Maritime quarterback Matt Rende.

Dow threw a nice 18-yard touchdown pass to Evan Berneche, who ended the day with eight catches for 143 yards and that score. With that score midway through the third quarter, the Owls were only down by 28-14.

Trying to get back into the game the Owls attempted an onside kick, but Alex Grant recovered the kick and ran the ball back to the Owls' 16-yard line. Bower scored just three plays later, giving Maritime a 35-14 lead.

Helping the Owls offensively was running back Luke Johnson who finished with 104 yards and one touchdown on 25 carries. This was the second week in a row that Johnson has run over the century mark.

Linebacker Justin Ehrhardt had 10 tackles in the loss leading the Owls defense. The Owls next game will be Saturday when they face off against the Coast Guard Academy.

The Coast Guard is coming into this week's game with a 2-3 record after losing a double-overtime heartbreaker to Bridgewater State 32-25. The Coast Guard academy has a balanced offense and is led by sophomore quarterback Jon Resch.

Resch has thrown for 668 yards this year with 4 touchdowns and 4 interceptions as well. The Coast Guard has been hurt a lot this season by turnovers from its quarterbacks, as Resch and his backup have nine interceptions combined.

*photo courtesy of David Harris-Fried.*

Luke Johnson has been running well for the Owls.

The Coast Guard is only averaging 14 points per game and allowing opponents to score 21 points. The Owls need to be able to create a balanced offensive of attack of running and passing the ball.

With running back Luke Johnson looking strong, the Owls need to stop turning the ball over on offense and get their trio of wide receivers the ball – Berneche, C.J. Franklin and Kevin Parnell.

The game is at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow at Alumni Field .

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# Turnovers hurt Owls in loss to Worcester State

**By Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

The name Graham Asum was heard a lot last Saturday as the Westfield State Owls fell on the road to the Worcester State Lancers 30-18.

Asum intercepted Owls' starting quarterback Tyler Dow four times and returned one for a 52-yard touchdown.

Westfield committed seven turnovers (5 interceptions and 2 fumbles) on the day in a tough loss to open New England Football Conference Bogan Division play.

The Owls record now goes to 1-3 while the Lancers improved to 3-1.

The Owls could not establish a solid running game as they only accumulated 49 yards rushing, forcing Dow and backup quarterback Dylan Smith to throw the ball 50 times combined.

Dow was 13-25 and threw for 179 yards with four interceptions and one touchdown, while Smith was 12-25 passing for 147 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Though both quarterbacks struggled on the day, they were able to find wide receiver Evan Bernache 8 times for 110 yards including a 74-yard touchdown reception from Dow in the second quarter.

Receiver Kevin Parnell also caught a 12-yard touchdown from Smith late in the game to add to his five catch, 77 yard day. Speedy receiver and return man C.J. Franklin also contributed with 121 all-purpose yards.

The Owls' defense once again made some nice plays and forced two safeties against the Lancers on a blocked punt and a misplaced snap. Ryan O'Connell blocked a Lancers' punt at the 2 yard line and the ball went over the end line for a safety.

O'Connell would finish the day with seven tackles, not to be outdone by Westfield's team-leading tackler Justin Ehrhardt, who had 10 tackles for the game.

Lancers' quarterback Tony Tokarz led Worcester State offensively as he ended with 179 yards of total offense and two touchdowns while junior Marcus Price had 19 rushes for a game-best 70 yards.

Tokarz was able to find his favorite target Kenny Russell four times for 77 yards and one score.

The Owls are hoping to end their three game losing streak this Saturday when they finally return home and face Bridgewater State at 1:00 p.m.

Bridgewater is 2-2 this season with victories over Mount Ida and UMass-Dartmouth.

The Bears are coming into this game with a two game losing streak after losing their conference opener to Framingham State last week 46-7.

The Bears average nearly 13 points per game and are led by senior running back Justin Fuller who has rushed for 316 yards and four touchdowns this season.

The Owls' defense has given up almost 169 rushing yards per game so far this year.

It will be important for the Owls to contain Fuller and force Bridgewater to pass the ball, which is something that they do not like to do as their starting quarterback has only thrown for 144 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions in four games this season.

This will be a very big divisional game for the Owls if they hope to make it to the playoffs.

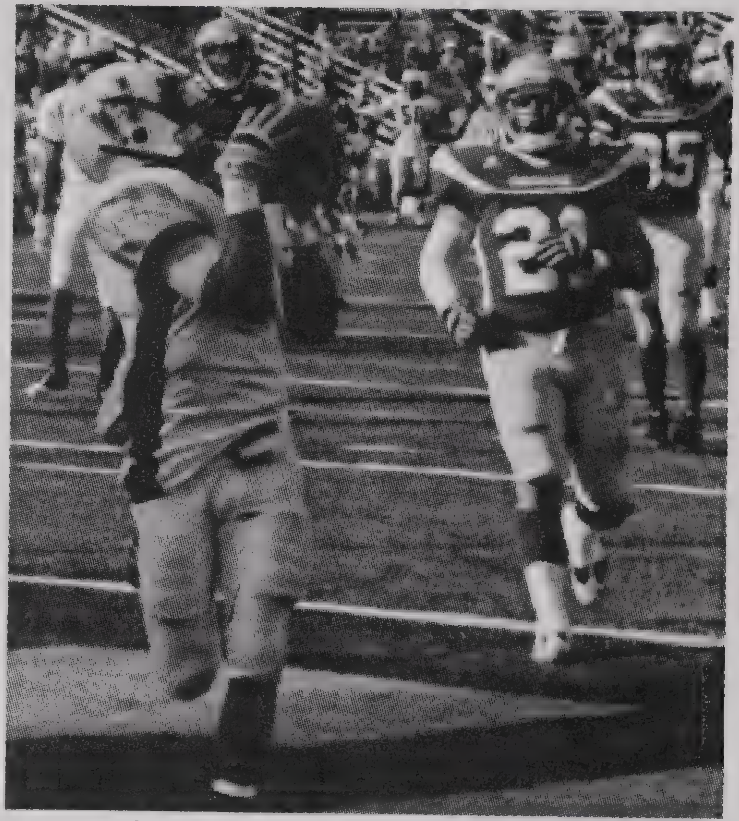
*photo courtesy of Joshua Katz, Worcester State*
Kevin Parnell hauls in a fourth quarter touchdown.

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# Meet the Owls: Rachael Cardin, WSU cross country team

Bio:
Cross Country/Indoor-Outdoor Track & Field
Sophomore
Major: Communications
(Political Science Minor)
Sutton, MA/ Sutton

*Q: What motivates you to get up and run everyday?*
RC: Team recognition, honestly. The team running well, that's my main motivation. I also think the boy's and girl's teams practicing together really gets us in the right mind frame to race. We're motivated by each other's performance. Coach Devine is also so knowledgeable about the sport and he knows what buttons to push to get us going.

*Q: When did you start running cross country?*
RC: Well, I graduated from a small high school, so I was running Varsity Cross Country for Sutton when I was in the 7th grade.

*Q: What're your thoughts on the sport?*
RC: For female runners, we hit our peak at a younger age, so it's definitely a much different challenge in college then in high school. It's a very mental sport. You have to prepare just like athletes in team sports do, because, just like playing against another team, each race is different, each course is different, and you have to attack each one differently.

*Q: Speaking of courses, besides Westfield's, which is your favorite?*
RC: Keene State's. It's just a fun course with a real varied terrain. We ran it last year around Halloween.

*Q: How do you prepare for a race?*
RC: The night before I carb load, I eat a lot of pasta and such. The morning of, I meet my teammate Julie (Messinger) for breakfast (English muffin & tea). Fifteen minutes before the race, we go on a quick run, stretch and do our team cheer.

*Q: Pre-race jitters?*
RC: They're gone when the gun goes off.

*Q: Fair enough. Now how do you balance X-C and school?*
RC: I just stay active. Running actually relieves a lot of my stress. Practice is like my social life, it's where I see everyone and hear all the stories of the day. It's my constructive outlet. Without it, I would be really miserable (laughs).

*Q: Now the fun stuff. Who are your athletic idols?*
RC: Steve Prefontaine, Ray Allen and Kelly Arouca (WSU Class of '10). Pre was an amazing ambassador for running, Ray is just a classy guy who works hard, and Kelly was a great mentor for me last year. She led by example and did the little things to become a better runner.

*Q: Favorite Class?*
RC: State & Local Government. Prof. Smailes is a great teacher, whose lectures are always fun and interesting.

*Q: Last movie you saw in the theatre?*
RC: Despicable Me with my munchkins! (laughs)

*Q: Favorite Downtime Activity?*
RC: Playing outside with my roommate Christina (Raad). I also enjoy watching movies with people on my floor.

*Q: How about your goals for this season? And after school?*
RC: Well, I want to break 20 minutes in the 5K, which I did in high school. I want the team to repeat at MASCAC's, the whole team to make regionals, and for us to go to nationals. As for after WSU, I hope to be a newscaster someday!

**Interview conducted by Peter Francis**
Voice Reporter

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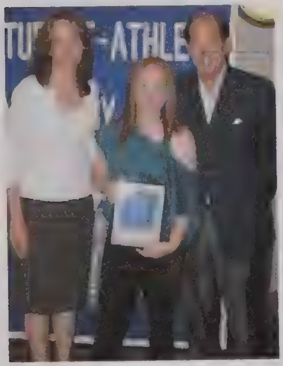
# Gardner Honored By MASCAC, Westfield State

NCAA Woman Of The Year Nominee; Owls' Female Athlete Of The Year



Alicia Gardner receives the Westfield State 2011 Female Athlete of the Year award from Nancy Bals, left, Westfield State associate athletics director/senior women's administrator, and university president Evan S. Dobelle.

Alicia Gardner (Athol, Mass.), a 2011 graduate of Westfield State University, has been nominated for the 2011 NCAA Woman of the Year Award by the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC).

The NCAA Woman of the Year Award honors graduating student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership. The award has been given annually since 1991.

Gardner was recently named the 2011 Westfield State University Female Athlete of the Year. The two-sport standout was a softball four-time all-conference infielder, the MASCAC player of the year in 2010, and the MASCAC rookie of the year in 2008. She was an All-New England and All-ECAC first-team all-star during her junior season.

Gardner owns a .356 career batting average and ranks highly in the following career school record categories: at bats (2nd, 419), hits (3rd, 149), doubles (5th, 23), triples (2nd, 17), RBI (5th, 76), and walks (1st, 67).

In field hockey Gardner was a first-team all-conference selection in 2007 and 2010 and selected the team's most outstanding contributor in 2009. She holds the school record with 28 assists and ranks seventh on the university's all-time scoring list with 60 points.

Gardner also excelled academically with a 3.84 cumulative grade point average, majoring in business management with a marketing concentration. She received the Westfield State academic achievement award in management in 2011 and was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Beta Delta Honor Societies. During his four years at Westfield she was a recipient of the Paul Tsongas and John and Abigail Adams MCAS scholarships. In 2010 she was selected to the ESPN the Magazine District 1 All-Academic softball first team.

Gardner's service to the university and community were also commendable. She worked full time during the summer of 2009 as an unpaid volunteer in the Westfield State athletics department. She served as a volunteer coach for the youth field hockey program in her hometown of Athol and was a softball clinician for four months at Winchester (Mass.) High School.

During the summer of 2010, Gardner was a paid intern at Hamilton Sundstrand in Windsor Locks, Conn. This past academic year she tutored Westfield State business management majors 10 hours per week.
"We are very proud of Alicia's accomplishments at Westfield State University; she was an outstanding student-athlete the past four years," said Westfield State associate athletics director/senior women's administrator Nancy Bals.

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# Westfield Bounces Becker, 6-3

Burns (3 Goals), Gardner (Assists Record) Pace Owls

Senior Amanda Burns scored three goals in Westfield's season-opening victory.
Photo by www.mortssports.net

Box Score

Photo Gallery

LEICESTER - Westfield State senior forward Amanda Burns (Hillsdale, NY) tallied three goals and senior midfielder Alicia Gardner (Athol) set the school career assists record to lead the Westfield State University to a 6-3 win over Becker College in the field hockey season opener Sept. 1.

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The Owls tallied three minutes into the game when Gardner fired a rocket from the top of the of the circle past Gosselin for the quick 1-0 lead. Westfield doubled the score at 7:01
when Burns had a fine tip-in from a cross from Gardner. It was Gardner's school record 24th career assist; she entered the season tied for the top spot with Kate Anderson (2003-2006).

Junior Jessi Gould (Canton, Mass.) made it 3-0 with a put-back off of the keeper's
pads. The Hawks finally lit the scoreboard on their first shot of the season when junior Stephanie Dixon (Rockport, Mass.) made a beautiful rush down the right sideline and beat Owl keeper Amanda McCarthy (Franklin, Mass.) on a shot to the left post to cut the lead to 3-1 at halftime.

Burns scored her second goal six minutes into the second half then Hawks forward Victory Sirchia (Goshen, CT) scored to cut the lead to 4-2 halfway through the second half. But Westfield scored two more unanswered goals, including a hat trick goal by Burns, to take a 6-2 lead.

Dixon rounded out the scoring with her second of the game on a nifty cross from Brooke Cote (Fitchburg, Mass.) with just under 7 minutes remaining in the game.

Amanda Burns battles the Becker goalie for a loose ball. Photo by www.mortssports.net

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# Three Owls Named Field Hockey All-Conference

Senior midfielder Alicia Gardner.
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All-Conference Teams

Three Westfield State University players were selected to the Little East field hockey all-conference team. Senior midfielder Alicia Gardner (Athol, Mass.) and junior defender Nicole Gagnon (Andover, Mass.) were first-team selections in the highly competitive 12-team conference and junior forward Jessi Gould (Canton, Mass.) was a second-team pick.

Gardner finished her fine four-year career with 16 goals and a school record 28 assists. She ranks seventh on the school's all-time scoring charts with 60 points.

Gagnon – Westfield's only all-conference pick in 2009 as a second-team selection – scored five goals during the 2010 season.

Gould had an outstanding junior season with 42 points (18 goals, 6 assists). In the Owl record books she is tied for third in both goals scored in a season (18) and career (41). The Little East Conference rookie of the year in 2008, Gould currently ranks third on Westfield's all-time scoring list with 96 points (41 goals, 14 assists), trailing Westfield head coach and former Owl standout Heather Cabral by three points.

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## 2010 All-Little East Field Hockey Team

### First Team

| Name | Position | Class | Institution |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bethany Bush | Forward | Senior | Bridgewater State University |
| Elizabeth Coffin | Forward | Junior | Keene State College |
| Stephanie Kinchla | Forward | Senior | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth |
| Eleanor Taylor | Forward | Sophomore | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth |
| Rebecca Festinger | Midfield | Senior | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth |
| Alicia Gardner | Midfield | Senior | Westfield State University |
| Aislynn Sherry | Midfield | Junior | Keene State College |
| Nicole Gagnon | Back | Junior | Westfield State University |
| Deanne Mastrocola | Back | Sophomore | Western Connecticut State University |
| Leigh Smith | Back | Senior | Keene State College |
| Katie Weber | Goalkeeper | Senior | Bridgewater State University |

### Second Team

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|---|---|---|---|
| Kailey Bubier | Forward | Sophomore | University of Southern Maine |
| Kristina Conroy | Forward | Senior | Plymouth State University |
| Jessi Gould | Forward | Junior | Westfield State University |
| Megan Jacobs | Forward | Senior | Fitchburg State University |
| Bethany Bougie | Midfield | Junior | University of Southern Maine |
| Kellie Finn | Midfield | Senior | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth |
| Mari Roma | Midfield | Senior | Fitchburg State University |
| Kerry Howe | Back | Junior | Keene State College |
| Maille Lynch-Gilbert | Back | Junior | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth |
| Torey Van Ahnen | Back | Senior | Fitchburg State University |
| Meghan Ledoux | Goalkeeper | Senior | Keene State College |

### Third Team

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|---|---|---|---|
| Kaitlyn Aronian | Forward | Junior | Salem State University |
| Lauren Atkinson | Forward | Junior | Western Connecitcut State University |
| Jamie Kelley | Forward | Sophomore | Fitchburg State University |
| Whitney McDaniel | Forward | Junior | University of Southern Maine |
| Lauren Bergeron | Midfield | Junior | Plymouth State University |
| Aimee Donaruma | Midfield | Freshman | Keene State College |
| Christina Parisi | Midfield | Junior | Plymouth State University |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Liz Correia | Back | Senior | Bridgewater State University |
| Andrea DeTerlizzi | Back | Senior | Framingham State University |
| Kate Dorrance | Back | Senior | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth |
| Katlyn Simula | Back | Freshman | Keene State College |
| Allesha Kenyon | Goalkeeper | Senior | Framingham State University |

**Offensive Player of the Year**

Eleanor Taylor, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

**Defensive Player of the Year**

Leigh Smith, Keene State College

**Rookie of the Year**

Katlyn Simula, Keene State College

**Coach of the Year**

Nicole Castonguay, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

**Team Sportsmanship Award**

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# Field Hockey Players Named To Little East Academic Team

Catherine Moriarty

Academic Team

Five Westfield State University field hockey players were named to the 2010 Fall All-Little East Academic Team.

The Owl student-athletes are: senior Amanda Burns (movement science major), senior Alicia Gardner (business management), senior Catherine Moriarty (elementary education), junior Kathryn Kenney (elementary education), and sophomore Khrystyna Mitchell (biology).

The Little East Conference honored a total of 186 student-athleties in the seven fall sponsored championship sports: men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, women's tennis and volleyball.

To earn a spot on the all-academic teams a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore academically and athletically, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.3, and be a full-time member of a varsity team.

The Little East Conference began honoring an all-academic team during the 2007-08 academic year.

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# Owls put Golden Bears to sleep with 5-0 win

**By Peter Francis**
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State field hockey team put on a dynamic offensive display in their home opener at Alumni Field Tuesday evening, scorching Western New England College for five goals, four of which came in the first half, to improve their record to 2-0 following a 6-3 season opening win over Becker College.

Westfield controlled the tempo for much of the first half, with junior forward Jessi Gould (Canton, MA) connecting for a goal in the 8th minute and senior forward Amanda Burns (Hillsdale, NY) scoring in the 10th.

Freshman Sarah Pliszka of Enfield, CT scored her first career goal in the 26th minute and Gould scored again in the 29th.

The Owl's were also paced by the brilliant stick-work of senior Catherine Moriarity (South Hatfield) and sophomore Lauren Tavares (Tiverton, RI) who both commanded the midfield well and enabled the Owl's first half scoring tear.

The second half saw the Owls once again assert their dominance as Gould would score yet again off an assist from senior captain Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA), giving Gould a hat trick in only the second game of the season. However, the game was a stale mate for the rest of the half.

WNEC was undeterred and continued to fight, taking command of the second half with long possessions in which they tested the WSU backline.

Junior Goalie Amanda McCarthy (Franklin, MA) was up to the challenge, stopping eight WNEC shots on the night–a night in which the Golden Bears also had an 11-1 advantage on corners.

The defensive highlight of the night came as the second half wound down when McCarthy emphatically stopped a WNEC penalty shot with under two minutes remaining to preserve the Owl's first shutout of the young season.

The Owl's kept WNEC on their toes all night, shuffling lines at a rate similar to that of the Boston Bruins, and despite being outshot 14-10, the Owl's capitalized on their chances. Gould was very pleased with her squad's effort. "We passed real well, our communication was on point. We just wanted it more," Gould said with a giddy smile.

Tavares was also enthusiastic about her team's performance. "We played very strong. I mean, five goals is a great outing." Tavares also reiterated communication as a point of strength for the game. "I'm pleased with our effort. We're starting to intertwine as a team," she stated.

WSU improved to 2-0 with the win while WNEC dropped to 0-2. Westfield is off until Saturday when they'll travel to the heart of the Commonwealth to take on rival Worcester State.

*photo courtesy of www.mortssports.net*

Westfield junior Jessi Gould scored three goals for the Owls in their victory over WNEC.

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# Westfield volleyball falls to NYU in NCAA tournament

**By Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

After winning the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference for the second straight year, the Westfield State women's volleyball team advanced to the NCAA Division III tournament and was set to play the number one seed in their region, New York University.

Unfortunately for the Lady Owls, this strong season was put to end with when NYU swept them 3-0 in the first round of the tournament last Saturday.

NYU, who now has a record of 36-5, had no problems dealing with this tough Owls team as they won their games 25-10, 25-9 and 25-18. The Owls finished their season with a record of 20-13.

NYU went on a strong run in the first set and led 13-2 at one point. In the second set, the Lady Owls played a strong game and at one point were only down by three. But then the NYU Violets went on a 12 to 1 run and put the game out of reach.

Though the first two sets were no problem for NYU, in the third and final set of the match the Owls played an inspired set of volleyball and were able to take its first lead of the match at 13-11.

However, the Violets were not deterred from this and scored the next four points in the set and never looked back as they swept the Owls in the match.

Alex Shaw led Westfield with eight kills and Kerin DeGirolamo had a team-high 20 assists. Alyssa Stankowski added 10 digs for the Owls.

Though the season is over, these Lady Owls have nothing to hang their heads about.

Many of their players made strong contributions to the team and will be back to lead the Owls to another strong season next year.

The Owls will be losing two players to graduation this year, senior captains Rachel Ryan and Maura McLaughlin.

The Owls this year were able to place three First Team All-Conference selections led by MASCAC Player of the Year Alex Shaw.

The junior outside hitter recorded 281 kills with a .270 hitting percentage, had 5 solo blocks and 53 block assists during the regular season.

Not to be outdone by Shaw were Ryan and DeGirolamo.

Ryan led the team with 321 kills and 53 services aces. DeGirolamo, a junior setter, recorded 941 assists this year with an average of 9.7 assists per game.

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COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY

# Westfield State blanks WNE

WESTFIELD – Junior Jessi Gould (Canton, Mass.) scored three goals to power the Westfield State University field hockey team to a 5-0 victory over Western New England College on Tuesday evening.

The Owls, who have scored 10 goals this season, improve to 2-0 while Western New England drops to 0-2.

The Owls were outshot, 14-10, but they made the most of their opportunities in bolting to a 4-0 halftime lead. Gould gave Westfield a 1-0 lead 5:16 into the game as she guided the ball into the circle and fired a shot just inside the left post.

Westfield scored three minutes later when freshman Sarah Pliszka (Enfield, CT) took a pass from senior Alicia Gardner (Athol) and flicked her shot over the goalie's head.

Senior Amanda Burns (Hillsdale, NY), the reigning Little East Conference offensive player of the week, scored in the 24th minute with an assist from junior Jessica Donovan (Methuen).

Gould gave the Owls a commanding 4-0 lead with another unassisted goal 26:59 into the game. Gould recorded her second hat trick in three game (she scored

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# Westfield volleyball wins MASCAC title, plays at NYU tonight

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The women's volleyball team poses after winning the MASCAC title.

Westfield State University captured the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's volleyball tournament by besting rival Bridbewater State University, 3-1 (25-27, 26-24, 25-18, 25-17) in the championship game on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Westfield (20-12) captured the MASCAC regular season and postseason tournament championship for the second straight year and now advances to the NCAA Division III national tournament, scheduled to begin with regional action Nov. 12-14.

No. 1 seed Westfield also had to rally for a 3-1 (22-25, 25-12, 25-19, 25-15) victory over No. 4 seed MCLA in a semifinal match played Saturday morning.

In the other semifinal match, Bridgewater handled Worcester State, 3-0 (25-11, 25-15, 25-17).

In the championship match, Bridgewater pulled out the first game, 27-25. The Bears jumped out to an early 12-6 lead.

In the key second game, the teams traded leads throughout. Westfield led 24-21 then Bridgewater scored three straight points to knot the score. The Owls scored the final two points to tie the match at 1-1.

The Owls led the third game 19-18 and rattled off six straight points, with Rachel Ryan serving, to take a 2-1 match advantage.

In the decisive fourth game, Westfield took a 9-6 lead but Bridgewater regrouped for an 11-10 advantage. Sparked by their tall frontcourt of Alex Shaw and Kelsey Leonard, the Owls scored five straight points for a 15-11 lead.

A kill by Bridgewater's Shelly DePina stopped the run, but Westfield later went on a 6-1 run for a commanding 22-15 lead.

Alyssa Stankowski receives the tournament MVP trophy from head coach Fred Glanville.

Ryan and Shaw had 12 and 10 kills, respectively, and Kerin DeGirolamo registered 40 assists and four blocks.

Leonard had eight blocks and Brittany Dussault contributed three service aces. Tournament MVP Alyssa Stankowski and Julia Warner both had 16 digs.

Westfield State University will play New York University (NYU) in the opening round of the NCAA Division III women's volleyball national tournament tonight, Friday, November 12 at 8:00 p.m.

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# Westfield hockey comes back from 4-1 deficit to tie Nichols

**By Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

In front of 504 fans last Friday night, the Westfield Sate Owls men's ice hockey tied Nichols College 4-4 in a penalty filled game.

In a game that saw 20 combined penalties between the two teams, it figured that the play of the game would come after a whistle as Owls' forward Lucas Romero was awarded a penalty shot with one minute left in the third period.

Romero took full advantage of the opportunity and scored the game tying goal for Westfield.

The Bison stormed out to a commanding lead early in the game when they got goals from Andrew Ella, Matt Sayer, Zach Kohn and Brent Davis.

However, the Owls would not quit despite being down by 3 goals late in the third period.

Westfield goalie Ray Monroe had 34 saves and allowed just one goal in the third period and the Owls outshot the Bison 25 to 9 in the final period.

In the third period, a pair of penalties by the Bison gave Westfield a brief 5-on-3 power play and they capitalized with just one second left on the two-man advantage when A.J. Shiverdecker scored a goal to cut the Bison lead to 4–2.

Freshman Vince Perreault, who scored Westfield's first goal of the game, tallied an assist on Shiverdecker's goal.

Later in the third, another new face made an impact for Westfield as freshman Taylor Murphy's power play tip in made it 4–3 at the 17:34 mark.

Then with just over one minute left in the game, Romero took a loose puck into the neutral zone and looked like he was going to score until he was tripped up by Nichols Will Brown.

Romero was awarded a penalty shot and with that goal the game was tied 4-4 and headed into overtime.

In the overtime period both teams failed to score and game ended in a tie.

The tie was big for Westfield, as they did not want to disappoint their home fans on opening night.

"The crowd for the entire game was amazing," said sophomore defenseman Jeff Callahan. "We knew it was going to be a big crowd and they really helped in the game. Hearing the crowd chanting helps elevate everyone's play and it was amazing to have that type of support."

Though the team pulled out a thrilling tie, the Owls know that they have to improve.

"We need to put together a full 60 minutes and we need to play with a sense of urgency throughout the game," said Callahan. "We have a lot of potential but just need to put it all together right now and if we can do that we can beat anyone."

The Owls were picked to finish fourth in the division this year and hope to prove voters wrong with a strong season.

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# ’s coach Sullivan to assist WSC

injury sustained at Northeastern. Sullivan was an ECAC Division III All-Star at UMass Boston and led the team and all ECAC East defensemen in scoring.

After his stint at UMass Boston, Sullivan spent two seasons in the Carolina Hurricanes organization playing for the American Hockey League's Springfield Falcons and Lowell Lock Monsters, and the East Coast Hockey League's Florida Everblades and Trenton Titans.

As a coach Sullivan has served in a program consultant role to Curry College (ECAC-Northeast). He has been an instructor for several hockey schools in New England and Minnesota, including Mike Sullivan's Hockey School and USA Hockey's Massachusetts Development Program. He ran the Bay State Breaker's (Eastern Hockey Federation) youth hockey summer development program from 2003-2005, along with serving as the curriculum director for the Breakers. He spent last season as the head coach of the 1999 birth year Springfield Pics.

Sullivan is a native of Marshfield, Mass. He and his wife, Yolanda, reside in Longmeadow with their one-year-old son Liam.

His brother Mike also was an associate head coach of the Tampa Bay Lightning, and served as Westfield State alumnus Peter Laviolette's assistant coach during the 2006 Olympic Games. Prior to his coaching career, Mike spent 11 seasons as a National Hockey League player and is currently the associate head coach of the New York Rangers (NHL).

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# WSU's men's hockey: the struggle continues

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

There are many times in sports when the scoreboard does not accurately portray what really happened in the game.

Though the final score read 6-2 with Westfield on the losing end, the Owls were competitive through the game's first 40 minutes.

Unfortunately, hockey games do not end after 40 minutes and the Owls (2-14-2, 1-9-1 MASCAC) were outscored 3-0 in a disappointing third period.

The Owls showed great determination in the first period after getting down by two goals early in the period. Goals by Jimmy Alexander (first goal of the season) and Jason Nelson (fourth goal of the year) brought Westfield to a 2-2 tie to end the period.

The second period was filled with penalties as the teams combined for 11 total penalties, including a 10-minute game misconduct penalty by Vince Perreault for contact to the head of another player.

The loss of Perreault seemed demoralizing for Westfield as the Owls could not produce much offense after he left.

Though the Owls were able to get off 48 shots on goal, they could only muster two goals in the game, putting a lot of pressure on goalie Ray to keep Westfield in the game.

Monroe had 30 saves in the game, but could not stop the mad rushes from Worcester State's Chris Wallen (who scored two goals) and John Cahlane.

Penalties have been a major problem for Coach Bob Miele and his boys all year as they have committed 154 penalties for 462 minutes.

That's almost 8 hours of penalties in 18 games this season.

The Owls need to stop committing dumb penalties during key moments in games.

Hopefully, the team can end the season with a strong final month. Westfield will play tomorrow, February 5, at 5:30 p.m. against Framingham State at Amelia Park.

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LATE THURSDAY

# Fitchburg State upends Westfield State in OT

WESTFIELD - Fitchburg State University scored with 1:23 remaining in overtime to defeat Westfield State University, 3-2, in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's ice hockey game on Thursday, Dec. 2.

Fitchburg improves to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the MASCAC. Westfield is 1-5-1 and 1-2.

Fitchburg jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Kevin McCready. Westfield erased the 2-0 deficit by scoring twice in a 1:15 span of the third period. Senior center Dennis Zak scored the game-tying goal several seconds into a power play to tie it with 11:54 remaining in regulation.

Scoring Westfield's first goal was freshman Vince Perreault. Zak assisted on the goal while Pat Nelson recorded two assists.

Kris Threlkeld scored the game winner as the Falcons pulled out the key MASCAC road victory. Trevor Lawler assisted on two of the goals, including the game-winner.

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# WSU weekly sports roundup

**Rob Donoghue**
Sports Editor

Westfield State's women's basketball team picked up its seventh straight win on Tuesday night with a 56-41 victory over MCLA on Tuesday, February 8.

The Owls (16-5, 8-1 MASCAC) struggled shooting the ball in the first half, hitting just nine of 34 first half shots, but still led at the half 21-16.

Led by senior captain Ashley Finnegan 18 point, 16 rebound double-double, Westfield played a much stronger second half and increased its lead to 32-21 early in the second half.

A three-pointer by Courtney DelRatz with seven minutes left in the game gave the Owls a 45-30 lead and they would not let MCLA back in the game after that basket.

With senior captain Cassy Jouannet forced to sit all but 19 minutes due to foul trouble, sophomore guard Briana Kelly stepped up her scoring with 15 points while sophomore guard Jenny Bell added 8 points, 4 assists, 3 rebounds and 3 steals.

Kelly broke an almost 20-year-old record by hitting her 18th consecutive free throw during the game, but the record was snapped on a miss late in the first half.

The Owls are off this weekend and will next play on Tuesday, February 15 at Framingham State at 5:30 p.m.

Westfield's men's basketball team took a 75-66 loss on Tuesday against MCLA.

Sophomore center Matt Devine led the Owls (8-14, 4-5 MASCAC) with 25 points, 6 rebounds and 5 blocks.

MCLA led 28-23 at halftime after both teams struggled offensively in the first half.

The Trailblazers opened up a 13 point lead midway through the second half that the Owls were unable to comeback from, despite Devine's 17 second half points.

Freshman guard Andrew Morgan scored 11 points and added 4 assists while senior forward Jesse Benoit collected 6 points and 10 rebounds.

Westfield will hit the road next Tuesday, February 15 to take on Framingham State at 7:30 p.m.

WSU's men's ice hockey team won two straight games last week to improve to 4-14-2 on the season.

The Owls collected their first win of the week on Thursday, February 3 with a shocking 4-0 shutout win over Plymouth State, who had only two losses on the season heading into the game.

Freshman goalie Eddie Davey picked up his first collegiate win by stopping 27 shots without allowing a goal.

Freshman forward Vince Perreault scored his eighth goal of the season and added two assists in the win.

Junior captain A.J. Shiverdecker (5th goal of season), sophomore Jeff Callahan (2) and freshman Ian Reopel (1) each scored a goal while Josh McCully and senior captain Dennis Zak added two assists apiece.

Westfield followed up the win with an 11-2 blowout victory over Framingham State on Saturday, February 5.

Zak led the Owls with an unheard of 4 goals (13) and 4 assists in a game that featured a combined 32 penalties.

Junior Pat Nelson (4) scored two goals and added two assists, senior Drew LaCombe (1) put in one goal and two assists, Perreault (10) tallied two goals and one assist and McCully added three assists.

Sophomore Jason Nelson (5) and Reopel (2) each added a goal in the win.

Davey picked up his second straight win in net for the Owls by saving 29 shots while allowing just two goals.

The Owls will face Fitchburg State in their final home game of the season on Thursday, February 17 at 7:35 p.m.

Westfield State's men's track and field team had multiple athletes place in the Dartmouth College Indoor Classic on Saturday, February 5 in Hanover, NH.

Sophomore Anthony Frissora was Westfield's highest placer, finishing third in the 800 meter with a time of 1:59.03.

Frissora was named the MASCAC men's track and field athlete of the week following his third place finish in the 800-meter at the Dartmouth Classic.

Brendan Corcoran placed fourth in the 400-meter dash (51.0), as did sophomore Tom Gauger in the pole vault (13-6 1/4) and Robert Fitzgibbon in the high jump (6-0).

John Murphy finished fifth in the 200-meter dash and eighth in the 60-meter dash, Tim Concannon finished fifth in the triple jump, James Flynn finished sixth in the 200-meter dash and Patrick Regan finished sixth in the one-mile run.

WSU's women's track and field team also competed in the Dartmouth Classic last Saturday.

Freshman Targie Gervais finished first in the 60-meter dash with a new school record of 7.88 seconds and finished second in the 200-meter dash (26.54).

Gervais also ran the anchor leg of the school record setting all-freshman 4x100 relay team (1:47.95) that also featured Marie Gulino, Amanda Johnson and Megan Faunce.

Senior Amanda Gricus also broke a school record in the 20-pound weight throw with her first place toss of 53-0 3/4.

Gervais and Gricus were named the MASCAC women's track and field athletes of the week for their outstanding performances in the Dartmouth Classic.

Johnson finished fourth in the triple jump, Gulino finished fifth in the 500 meter and Kaitlyn Barth finished fifth in the triple jump for the Owls.

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# WSU student a leader both in and out of the pool

**Tim Callery**
Voice Reporter

From the classroom to the poolroom, the 20-year-old from Newburyport, Mass, Kate Werner lives a busy life both in and out of the pool.

The junior tri-captain leads the Westfield State women's swim team throughout an exhausting season starting in October and ending in February.

Not only does she devote her time to swimming, but she is also studying History with hopes to becoming a Secondary Education teacher.

Q. How is the team doing this year?
A. This season has been fantastic. We have a record of 6-3. Everyone pulls their own weight on the team and does an excellent job. This weekend is New England's and I know we'll do great.

Q. What age did you first start swimming?
A. I was three when I first began swimming. My parents signed my twin sister and I up for classes at our local YMCA.

*Photo by www.mortssports.net*

Kate Werner was a double winner, placing first in the 500 and 1,000 freestyles.

Q. And you continued on to swimming in high school?
A. Yes, after swimming at the Y, my sister and I swam for a club team called New Wave. We then continued swimming throughout high school where we were both co-captains.

Q. Is your sister on the Westfield team as well?
A. No, actually she goes to Fitchburg State where she traded her swim cap in to play lacrosse.

Q. Is it odd swimming without her?
A. It was at first, but then I got over it. I was always used to having my sister there with me, but we both wanted to go to separate colleges to be our own person and not be known as the Werner twins.

Q. Did swimming play a factor in your college selection?
A. Yes, it did. I knew I wanted to swim in college so along with what schools had to offer academically, I was also looking at their team stats.

Q. What events are you the strongest in?
A. I mostly swim the 1000 and 500 free.

Q. What's the fastest you've ever swum?
A. One time I did a 5:36 in the 500.

Q. Do you think you could ever get there again?
A. I'm trying (she laughs).

Q. Who is your biggest influence either in or out of the pool?
A. Definitely my parents. We live two hours away, and they make every home meet possible as well as away meets. My mom is always their cheering me on and my dad is a competitive person, so he's always driving me to do better. I don't do my best all the time which makes me feel like I let him down, but he's always there to give me a hug at the end of a meet and assures me I'll get them next time.

Q. What about your biggest competitor?
A. I would have to say myself. Every meet I always try to do better than the last. It allows me to keep myself in check and push my own limits.

Q. Does being a student athlete ever become overwhelming for you?
A. Yes, it has its days. Sometimes between practices, class, and meets, I feel like there aren't enough hours in the day. Don't get me wrong; I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Q. Do you plan on continue swimming after college?
A. Unfortunately I don't think I'll be swimming at a competitive level. I hope to devote my time after I graduate in the classroom, but as a teacher instead of being a student. Swimming has been apart of my life for the past 17 years; so to say I'm going to stop all together after college is hard. I'll probably find myself doing laps somewhere. I don't think swimming will ever leave my life. I wouldn't know what to do with myself if it did!

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# Late second half goal lifts WSU over Elms, 1-0

CHICOPEE — Elms College junior goalkeeper Kelly Callahan (Monson, Mass.) amassed 14 saves, but Kayley Miller's (Ludlow, Mass.) goal in the 79th minute propelled Westfield State University to a 1-0 victory over the Blazers in Tuesday afternoon's non-conference women's soccer game at Leary Field.

With the loss, Elms falls to 1-3 overall, while Westfield State stakes its first win of the 2010 campaign to improve to 1-5 on the season.

Westfield State controlled the pace of the game from the outset, outshooting Elms 11-1 in the opening 45 minutes. In the second stanza, the Owls continued to pressure the Blazers, blasting 20 shots, nine of which were on target.

Westfield State finally scored the go-ahead goal when Leann Rivard's (Chicopee, Mass.) through ball found Miller who slipped her shot passed Callahan to give the Owls a 1-0 advantage at the 78:16 mark.

Elms managed two shots but could not net the equalizer.

Miller led Westfield State's offensive outburst, taking 11 shots (five on goal) while Ali Pease (Ludlow, Mass.) fired six shots.

Callahan faced 31 shots, 15 on net and collected eight of her 14 saves in the second period.

Elms returns to action on Saturday, Sept. 18 when it hosts Vassar College in a non-conference contest. Kickoff is set for 3:00 p.m. at Leary Field.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

### Elms def. WSU, 3-0

Elms College senior middle hitter Melissa Clark (Chicopee, Mass.) downed a team-high six kills, but a 15-kill, six-ace effort from Westfield State University's Rachel Ryan (Westborough, Mass.) helped spark the Owls to a 3-0 (25-9, 25-17, 25-20) victory over the Blazers in Tuesday evening's non-conference women's volleyball match at Picknelly Arena.

With the loss, Elms falls to 2-5 on the season, while Westfield State improves to 5-4 overall.

Trailing 2-0 in the contest thanks to a fast start from Westfield State, Elms stormed out of the gate in the third set, staking a 5-0 lead on the strength of a Clark kill and a service ace by freshman setter Ashley Fuller (Amherst, Mass.). The Blazers maintained a slim edge until the Owls evened the frame at 11-11.

The sides played to six more ties in the set with neither team gaining more than a two point advantage until the Owls broke a 19-19 stalemate and scored four straight points to post a 23-19 lead capped by a kill from Ryan. A Westfield State service error pulled Elms to within three at 23-20, but a kill from Maura McLaughlin (West Roxbury, Mass.) and a service ace from Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro, Mass.) sealed the set and match for the Owls.

DeGirolamo handed out a match-best 25 assists in the winning effort for Westfield State, while Kayleigh Shea (Chelmsford, Mass.) totaled a match-high 11 digs.

As a team, the Owls floored 14 aces including three each from DeGirolamo and Shea in addition to Ryan's six.

Elms returns to action on Friday, Sept. 17 at the Vassar College Invitational in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. The Blazers will square off against host Vassar at 4:00 p.m.

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# Westfield blanks host Salem State

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Wilbraham's Kate MacLellan and West Springfield's Lauren Marshall scored first-half goals as the Westfield State University women's soccer team defeated host Salem State 3-0 on Saturday.

Jess Habif (eight saves) and Jess Pieciak of Three Rivers (four saves) combined for the shutout for the Owls (5-7-2, 3-1-1 MASCAC).

**AIC 0, Assumption 0:** Kara Potts of Westfield made five saves to spark the Yellow Jackets (9-5-1, 7-5-1). AIC outshot Assumption, 21-13, including 11-5 in the second half, and the Yellow Jackets had a 7-1 edge in corner kicks.

**Amherst 2, Colby 1:** The Jeffs halted a two-game losing streak.

In a game that saw all three goals come on penalty kicks, Amherst sophomore Kathryn Nathan converted a pair of spot shots.

**WNEC 1, Gordon 0:** Freshman Nina Vital of Ludlow scored the lone goal at 20:44 for the 9-6 Golden Bears. Kayla Prout had a four-save shutout.

**Wheaton 2, Springfield 1:** Kelly Gallo of Westfield scored for the 7-6 Pride.

**MIT 6, Mount Holyoke 0:** The Lyons fell to 1-10-1.

**Bowdoin 1, Williams 0:** Katie Herter scored the only goal at 59:23.

### MEN'S SOCCER

**Amherst 1, Colby 0:** The Lord Jeffs picked up a crucial three points in the NESCAC standings on Alejandro Sucre's 110th minute score.

The Lord Jeffs improve to 7-1-3 (3-1-3 NESCAC).

**Babson 6, Springfield 1:** Drew Vanasse scored for the Pride (9-5-1).

**WNEC 0, Gordon 0:** Sean Healey had a five-save shutout for the 10-4-2 Golden Bears.

**Becker 1, Elms 0:** Chicopee's Jon D'Amours and East Longmeadow's Brendan Reed played well defensively for host Elms (1-11-2, 0-4-1 NECC).

### FIELD HOCKEY

**Amherst 5, Colby 0:** Liz Schink scored one goal and set up another as five players scored for the Jeffs. Amherst scored all of its goals during the first half of the game, and the Jeffs (8-3, 4-3) outshot the Mules 25-6.

**Mount Holyoke 3, MIT 2:** Shara Robertson converted a feed from Hatfield's Stephanie Slysz late in overtime to lift the 7-5 Lyons. Taylor Hedges of Longmeadow set up a goal by Tricia Chase of Feeding Hills, and Slysz also scored a goal.

**Wellesley 3, Smith 2:** Madeleine Whitaker scored in overtime. Nia Spooner scored twice for the Pioneers.

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

**Plansky Invitational:** Dan Franck finished seventh (27:16) for host Williams in the 8K race in Williamstown.

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

**WNEC Invitational:** Palmer's Hannah Laviolette finished 11th for WNEC in 21:21 in a meet won by Endicott. The Golden Bears finished third.

### VOLLEYBALL

**Amherst sweeps:** Rachel Yorke had 60 digs combined as host Amherst swept NESCAC rivals Wesleyan and Connecticut College by scores of 3-0 and 3-1, respectively.

**Bay Path splits:** Westfield's Nadine Harkless had nine kills as Bay Path defeated Becker 3-1. The Wildcats (7-9, 2-2 NECC) lost to host Southern Vermont 3-0.

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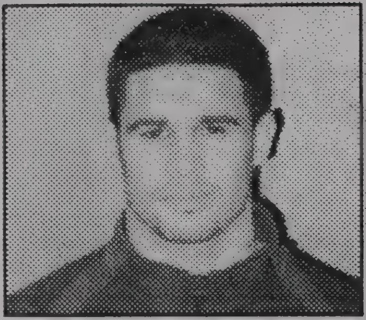
# Southwick native named MASCAC track athlete of week


ZACHERY MADERA

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University freshmen sprinters Zachery Madera (Southwick) has been selected the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference track athlete of the week.

The rookie sprinter helped lead the Owls to the men's MASCAC track and field championships this past weekend. Madera dramatically improved his personal bests by winning the 200 meter dash (22.70) and placing second in the 100 (11.15) in a photo finish. He also was a member of the winning 4 x 400 relay squad.

The Westfield State University track and field teams will be taking a large contingent of athletes (20 men, 16 women) to this weekend's New England Division III championships at MIT.

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# Owls track down MASCAC titles

FITCHBURG – The Westfield State University women's outdoor track and field team regained the MASCAC championship by edging rival Worcester State University on Saturday.

Westfield, which saw its streak of 12 straight MASCAC championships snapped last year by Worcester, finished first in the 2011 championships with 210.5 points. Worcester was a close second with 189.5 points followed by Bridgewater (123.5) and Fitchburg

clocking of 50.26.

"Targie was fanstastic," said O'Brien. "She keeps improving and is peaking at the right time."

Westfield also did well in the throws. Senior Amanda Gricuswon the hammer throw with a toss of 157-8, three inches shy of her personal best, and placed fourth in the shot put. Senior Rachel Ryanwas second in the javelin (121-1) and second in the shot put (36-6 3⁄4). Ashley Pinetteplaced a close second in the discus (107-9)

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## WSU freshman earns All-American honors in track

DELAWARE, Ohio - Westfield State University freshman Targie Gervais (Springfield/Central HS) earned All-America honors by placing seventh in the 100-meter dash at the NCAA Division III national outdoor track and field championships at Ohio Wesleyan University on Saturday, May 28.

Gervais - the only freshman in the 100-meter finals field of eight - was clocked in 12.25 to cap her sensational rookie season in which she shattered five school sprint records.

"It feels great (to be an All-American); I've come a long way since my high school years," said Gervais. "When I first got here (to nationals) I was a little overwhelmed but I started to get more comfortable."

"I think she ran well," said Westfield head coach Sean O'Brien. "Anytime you are an All-American you are doing pretty well."

Gervais also placed seventh in Friday's preliminaries with a time of 12.19 (see additional story below), and for the second straight day she was edged by Erika Cook of Millsaps (12.24) for sixth place.

The talented Methodist University duo of Ashlynn Chavis (11.84) and Ruby Blackwell (11.88) placed first and second, respectively, in the 100-meter championships. They were followed by Buffalo State's Erica Johnson (12.05), Wisconsin La Crosse's Kaily Charlton (12.07), and Wisconsin Oshkosh's Camille Davis (12.16).

"All of the times were slower in the finals than in Friday's preliminaries," said O'Brien.

Westfield State University athletes (male or female) have now earned All-America honors at the NCAA Division III national championships for eight consecutive years.

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# Westfield State University weekly sports roundup

**Rob Donoghue**
Sports Editor

Westfield State's women's basketball team continued its impressive play so far this season with a 70-50 win over Fitchburg State on Tuesday, January 25.

The Owls (12-5, 4-1 MASCAC) were led by senior captains Ashley Finnegan and Cassy Jouannet, who each posted double-doubles in the win.

Finnegan led all scorers with 21 points while collecting 11 rebounds and Jouannet added 17 points, 10 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 blocks.

Westfield got off to a hot start from the opening tip and never looked back. Leading 12-0 less than six minutes into the game, sophomore guard Briana Kelly continued to pad the Owls' lead by hitting five of eight three-point shots on her way to 19 points.

Fitchburg (8-8, 2-3 MASCAC) hit a dismal 25% of its total field goals but got strong contributions from its bench, with 31 of its 50 total points coming from bench players.

The Owls will hit the court again tomorrow, January 29, against Bridgewater State with tip-off set for 1:00 p.m. at the Woodward Center.

*Photo by David Harris-Fried*

Westfield Freshman Stephen Tellier scored the fame-tying goals against Fitburg State.

WSU's men's ice hockey team came away with a thrilling 3-3 tie last Saturday afternoon against Fitchburg State.

While thrilling and tie usually don't come in the same sentence, Westfield freshman Stephen Tellier made the two words fit by scoring the game-tying goal with just 25 seconds remaining on the clock in regulation. Tellier's goal was the freshman's third of the season.

The Owls (2-12-2, 1-7-1 MASCAC) pulled starting goalie Ian Wilson with under a minute to go in the game to gain a one man advantage that led to Tellier's goal.

Neither team was able to score in the five minute overtime period and the game ended as a 3-3 draw.

Trailing 1-0 midway through the first period, senior captain Dennis Zak tied the game at one apiece for Westfield with his eighth goal of the season during a power play.

Sophomore Rory Wilkowich tied the game at 2-2 with his first goal of the season at the 9:36 mark of the second period.

Wilson stopped 32 of 35 shots in net for Westfield. The Owls will play a home game against Worcester State tomorrow night at 5:35 p.m.

Westfield State's women's swimming and diving team improved to 4-2 in dual meets this season with a 149-114 win over Bridgewater State last Saturday.

Westfield had nine first place finishes including sophomore Katie Cox, who won the 200 freestyle (2:07.86) and 100 backstroke (1:04.71) in her first meet of the season for the Owls.

Westfield junior Jennifer Rodger paced first in the 50 breaststroke (:35.72) and 100 breaststroke (1:19.02).

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# Chiricosta, Keeley lead WSU rout

FRAMINGHAM — Senior Laura Chiricosta (Lexington, Mass.) and junior Carly Keeley (Feeding Hills, Mass.) scored five goals apiece to lead the Westfield State University women's lacrosse team to an 18-6 win over Framingham State in New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) action this past weekend at Maple Street Field.

With the win, the Owls improve to 8-4 on the year and 3-3 in the NEWLA, while the loss drops the Rams to 4-8 overall and 3-2 in conference.

Chiricosta paced the Owl offensive attack with five goals and four assists, while Keeley picked up an assist to go along with her five goals. Senior Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills, Mass.) also had a solid offensive game for the Owls, who outshot the Rams 29-21, with three goals and a game-high four assists. Maura Stack (Wilbraham, Mass.) and Sarah Giardino (Foxboro, Mass.) each scored a pair of goals, while Nicole Dipilato (Shrewsbury, Mass.) added a single tally.

The Rams were paced offensively by junior Kerry Kiley (Mansfield, Mass.) and sophomores Louie Rijo (Salem, Mass.) and Heather Masse (Billerica, Mass.) who scored two goals apiece. Massee picked up the Rams lone assist in the game.

Tied at 3-3 with just under 23 minutes remaining in the first half, the Owls scored seven unanswered goals to open up a 9-3 lead. Massee pulled the Rams back within five with her goal just before half, but a 5-0 spurt by the Owls in the opening eight minutes of the second half put the game out of reach.

Sophomore Jill Robinson (Salem, Mass.) made 10 saves for the Owls and picked up the win in net, while sophomore Kelsey Turner (Billerica, Mass.) made seven saves in a losing effort for the Rams.

The Owls return to action Thursday when they host Keene State in a non-conference matchup at 7 p.m.

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## SOFTBALL

### WSU 20, Mass. Maritime 1 (5 inn.); WSU 9, MM 0 (5 inn.)

BUZZARDS BAY — Freshman Kerry Alcott (Groton, Mass.) tossed a five-inning perfect game to propel Westfield State to a 9-0 nightcap victory and a sweep of a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference softball doubleheader from Massachusetts Maritime on Friday afternoon at Alison Rollins Field, as the Owls received four hits and five RBI from senior Cassy Jouannet (Conway, Mass.) to notch a 20-1 triumph in the opening contest.

## BASEBALL

### WSU 3, Mass. Maritime 0; WSU 2, MM 0

BUZZARDS BAY — Junior Roman Mondalto (Amesbury, Mass.) and sophomore Bret Siflinger (Framingham, Mass.) combined to allow four hits and strike out 18 in hurling back-to-back complete game shutouts in lifting Westfield State to a sweep of a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader from Massachusetts Maritime on Friday afternoon by scores of 3-0 in the opener and 2-0 in the nightcap in games played at Commodore Hendy Field.

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# Madera named MASCAC's top track star

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University freshman sprinter Zachery Madera (Southwick) was selected the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's indoor track athlete of the week recently.

Madera posted a pair of first place performances in the 55 meter dash (6.79) and the 200 meter dash (23.46) for Owls at the Bowdoin College Tri-Meet last month.

The Westfield indoor track and field teams are idle until Jan. 22 when they will participate in the Springfield College Invitational.

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# Westfield State to host girls' lacrosse clinics

Westfield State University will host the following girls' lacrosse clinics: nday, January 30, 2011, 9-11 a.m. - Beginner and intermediate players, ges 7-12; Sunday, February 13, 2011, 9-10:50 a.m. - Beginner andinterme- iate players, ages 7-12; and Sunday, February 13, 2011, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Advanced Players, ages 13-17: offensive and defensive drills and game lay.

Clinics are $30 per session. For additional information contact WSU head ach Greg Styles at gstyles@wsc.ma.edu or 860-648-9116.

# Popularity of rugby rising at Westfield State

**By Peter Francis**
Voice Reporter

Westfield State University is an institution with a proud athletic pedigree. It is also an institution full of open minded, free thinkers.

And in 2008, a crew of free thinkers chose to embark on a journey to Stanley Park, where they played a game only a few of them had ever played before.

They got together every few days to play, even organizing two scrimmages that spring. The game was rugby

photo by Westfield State Rugby facebook group

players on each side with eigh on the scrum (similar to the lin of scrimmage in football).

There are also thre backs (a fly half, an insid center and an outside center and two wings.

The major difference between rugby and America football is that in rugby ther are no forward passes, a playe can kick the ball at anytim and there are no blindside hits

"It's basically a game of kill-the-man-with-the-ball," Graves said.

When asked abou the team's prospects for nex season, Graves smiled with

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# Men's soccer wins 2-0

**By Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday night, the Westfield State Owls men's soccer team shutout Fitchburg State 2-0 in an action filled game.

The Owls came into the game following a tough 3-1 loss to Albertus Magnus College and they needed a boost to help them get over that loss.

Thankfully, Fitchburg State kindly agreed to help, coming into the game with a record of just 1-7.

The Falcons were no match for the Owls who were led by junior midfielder Kyle Yelin.

Yelin broke the game open early in the first half after receiving a nice pass from Josh Severns and scored his third goal of the season.

Yelin was not done yet, however, and later in the first half he connected with Justin Laliberte for a goal.

It was Laliberte's second goal of the young season.

After getting help from his midfielders and defenders, goalie Jeff Pepoli did the rest and recorded 4 saves in the win.

The Falcons best opportunity to score came late in the first half when they were able to get Pepoli out of position and kicked a lob shot over his head.

But out of nowhere came speedy defender Chris Monette who saved the ball with an athletic bicycle kick to the clear the ball out of danger.

The Owls outscored the Falcons in number of shots (14-9) as well as corners (7-2).

With the win, Westfield's record now goes to 7-3 (2-1 in MASCAC conference play) while the loss brings the Fitchburg's record to 1-8 (0-3 in conference play).

The Owls' next home game is against Salem State at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 16.

HOWARD C. SMITH
CUP

*Westfield administrators proudly display the Smith Cup, left to right: former vice president of student affairs Barry Maloney, athletics director Richard Lenfest, associate athletics director Nancy Bals, and President Evan S. Dobelle.*

# Another Stellar Season for the Owls

By Mickey Curtis, Sports Information Director

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# Westfield State's Own 'Weather Man'

By Alyssa Zabierik '11

**DR. KARL LEIKER**, a professor in Geography and Regional Planning (GARP) and an avid meteorologist, has assumed a second role at Westfield State University: he unofficially became its own personal "weather man."

As soon as news broke that a super storm of snow could dump 14-plus inches of snow throughout Hampden County in December 2010, Dr. Leiker, who has shared his weather expertise with the Westfield State community throughout the years, began providing detailed updates to faculty and staff regarding what they could expect.

Since that snow-covered day, Dr. Leiker's weather updates have become some of the most anticipated and widely read emails, thanks to the recent amount of extreme weather and his accuracy and humor.

But Dr. Leiker will be the first to tell you his forecasts are not always accurate, "I just have more time than the guys on TV."

"Karl's email weather forecasts are detailed emails, light-hearted and accurate. It is always a delight to read his predictions," says Jerry Hayes, Westfield State University, vice president for Administration and Finance. "And, he plays an important role in keeping the University informed on threatening weather. He is always the best source of data in determining whether we need to cancel classes."

Dr. Leiker grew up in Hays, Kansas, which is located about 270 miles west of Kansas City. Hailing from the Land of Oz and growing up with a grandfather who was a farmer piqued his fascination with the weather. He became a Radar Tech while in the Air Force for four years and did not start college at Fort Hays University until he was 21 years old.

While there, he received a bachelor's degree in geography and regional planning with a focus on weather/climate. Immediately afterwards, Dr. Leiker went on to the University of Missouri, where he received a master's, and then to Pennsylvania State for his doctoral degree.

After completing his education, Dr. Leiker accepted a position as a professor in Geography and Regional Planning (GARP) at Westfield State in the fall of 1976. Currently, he is the Department Chair of Geography and Regional Planning.

In addition to teaching, he divides his time between attending lectures and conferences on weather, and he does a lot of traveling.

The Westfield State GARP department itself is unique as the only undergraduate Urban and Regional Planning program in Massachusetts. It is made up of eight faculty members, one who teaches half-time as a GARP professor. The department also is extremely diverse with two professors dedicated to teaching climate/weather.

It is unique in another way as well. Many do not know the University has a weather station set up through HOBOlink. This link provides the latest conditions, connections, data, device information and graphs from [illegible] past month.

After 35 years working at Westfield State University, some may believe that employees have done their duty, and it is time to relax on the beach after retirement.

Dr. Leiker, on the other hand, looks at this topic on a year-by-year basis. He says, "I do not play golf or like working in the yard. I am happiest when I am in the lecture hall." ■

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# Westfield State University 2010-2011 Men's Basketball Roster

| NO. | NAME | CL | POS | HT | WT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Lee Vazquez * | SO | G | 5-6 | 155 | Attleboro (Woonsocket, RI) |
| 10 | Jesse Benoit * | SR | F | 6-6 | 195 | Granby, MA |
| 12 | Travis Nally | SO | G | 5-9 | 170 | Melrose (Malden) |
| 13 | Eric Vargas | FR | G | 5-8 | 140 | Lowell |
| 15 | Carl Stewart * | SO | F | 6-5 | 205 | Springfield (Commerce) |
| 20 | Andrew Morgan | FR | G | 6-0 | 178 | Somerset, NJ (St. Joseph) |
| 21 | Matt Devine * | SO | C | 6-7 | 200 | Pembroke |
| 22 | Mike Murphy | FR | G | 6-1 | 180 | Wilmington |
| 23 | Eugene Turner * | SO | G | 6-4 | 180 | Lynn (Lynn English) |
| 24 | Ryan White | JR | F | 6-6 | 210 | Philadelphia, PA (Franklin Learning Center) |
| 30 | Ryan DeLosa ** | JR | F | 6-5 | 220 | Leeds, NY (Cairo-Durham) |
| 32 | Chris Jurkowski *** | SR | F | 6-4 | 210 | Belchertown |
| 34 | Marcellus Lee | JR | C | 6-5 | 240 | Quincy (North Quincy) |

*** - Number of years played at Westfield State before 2010-2011 season**

**Head Coach: Rich Sutter (13th year)**
**Assistant Coaches: John Gingras (2nd year), Dan Jurkowski (1st year)**
**Captain: Chris Jurkowski**
**Managers: Darcy Borecki, Samantha Lacasse**

# Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

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## Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
## Men's Basketball Standings (Through Games Played of January 9, 2011)

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | GP | W | L | Pct. | GP | W | L | Pct. | Streak |
| MCLA | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 13 | 10 | 3 | .769 | Won 6 |
| Bridgewater State | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 11 | 7 | 4 | .636 | Won 3 |
| Framingham State | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 11 | 4 | 7 | .364 | Won 2 |
| Salem State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 9 | 4 | 5 | .444 | Won 1 |
| Westfield State | 1 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 14 | 4 | 10 | .286 | Lost 3 |
| Fitchburg State | 1 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 12 | 3 | 9 | .250 | Lost 3 |
| Worcester State | 1 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 13 | 2 | 11 | .154 | Lost 1 |

## MASCAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week

**Judah Jackson, Bridgewater State (Sr., F, Everett, Mass.)** -- Averaged 17.5 points, seven rebounds and five assists in 2-0 week for Bears, including double-double effort of 24 points and 11 boards in 74-71 overtime victory over Westfield State. Added 11 points and seven helpers in 82-70 win at 19th-ranked MIT and shot 86 percent (12-14) from charity stripe.

## MASCAC Men's Basketball Weekly Honor Roll

**Royce Veal, Framingham State (Sr., F, Dorchester, Mass.)** -- Netted 20 points in Rams' 68-54 victory at Fitchburg State.

**Chris Harris, MCLA (Jr., F, Dorchester, Mass.)** -- Averaged double-double effort of 16 points and 10 rebounds in 2-0 week for Trailblazers, including 23 points and nine caroms in 75-72 victory at Worcester State.

**Nick Linear, Salem State (Sr., G, Salem, Mass.)** -- Posted double-double effort of 21 points and 10 rebounds in Vikings' 87-72 victory at Curry.

**Marcellus Lee, Westfield State (Jr., F, Quincy, Mass.)** -- Averaged 16 points and five rebounds in 0-2 week for Owls, including 18 points in 74-71 overtime setback at Bridgewater State. Shot 62 percent (15-24) from field for week.

**Dave Douillette, Worcester State (Sr., F, Bridgewater, Mass.)** -- Averaged 17 poiints and seven rebounds in 1-2 week for Lancers, including 22 points in 73-59 setback to Delaware Valley and 20 points in 75-72 setback to MCLA. Earned spot on Lycoming Louis Basinger all-tournament team.

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viduals who have had a profound impact in shaping the rich history and tradition of the member institutions that have co
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## 2010-2011 Westfield State University Women's Basketball Roster

| NO | NAME | CL | POS | HT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Brittany Armstrong * | JR | Guard | 5-7 | Schenectady, NY (Mohonasen) |
| 5 | Angela Paterson * | SO | Guard | 5-8 | Nantucket |
| 14 | Tania Ortiz | FR | Forward | 5-10 | Holyoke |
| 20 | Olivia Lufkin | FR | Guard | 5-8 | Gloucester |
| 21 | Briana Kelly * | SO | Guard | 5-7 | Hampden (Minnechaug Regional) |
| 22 | Janae Jones ** | JR | Guard | 4-11 | Springfield (Minnechaug Regional) |
| 23 | Courtney DelRatez | SO | Guard | 5-10 | Adams (Hoosac Valley) |
| 24 | Stephanie White | JR | Guard | 5-5 | Easthampton |
| 25 | Jenny Bell * | SO | Guard | 5-6 | Northampton |
| 32 | Mare McCormick | SO | Guard | 5-6 | Great Barrington (Monument Mountain Regional) |
| 33 | Ashley Finnegan * | SR | Forward | 6-0 | Worcester (Holy Name) |
| 44 | Cassy Jouannet *** | SR | Center | 6-1 | Conway (Frontier Regional) |

*** - Number of years played at Westfield State** **RECORD: 5-2**

**Head Coach: Andrea Bertini, 6th year**

**Assistant Coaches: Ojae Beale, 3rd year; Bill Couture, 3rd year; Jack Zabek, 3rd year**

**Captains: Ashley Finnegan, Cassy Jouannet**

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| Institution | GP | W | L | Pct. | GP | W | L | Pct. | Streak |
| Westfield State | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 13 | 9 | 4 | .692 | Won 3 |
| Fitchburg State | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 12 | 7 | 5 | .583 | Won 1 |
| Worcester State | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 12 | 7 | 5 | .583 | Won 2 |
| Salem State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 9 | 3 | 6 | .333 | Lost 1 |
| Bridgewater State | 1 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 11 | 9 | 2 | .818 | Lost 2 |
| Framingham State | 1 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 13 | 8 | 5 | .615 | Lost 1 |
| MCLA | 1 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 12 | 7 | 5 | .583 | Lost 2 |

### MASCAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week

**Cassy Jouannet, Westfield State (Sr., C, Conway, Mass.)** -- Averaged double-double effort of 17 points, 10.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists in 2-0 week for Owls, including 12 points, 11 boards and four helpers in 65-61 overtime victory at Bridgewater State.

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**By Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

Coming into this week's set of games, Westfield State's men's basketball team held a 2-1 record.

Coming off an impressive 84-65 victory over City Tech on November 20, the Owls returned to action on Tuesday as they faced Southern Vermont in the home opener for the team.

Southern Vermont was coming into this game after playing an epic seven-overtime game against Skidmore College.

The Mountaineers (4-2) were able to get the better of Westfield (2-2) and spoiled the Owls' home opener with an 80-62 victory.

Westfield struggled shooting on the night and made only 33 percent of its field goal attempts.

Southern Vermont had a seven point lead at halftime and was able to put the Owls away in the second half with strong defense and solid interior scoring.

Center Matt Devine led the Owls with a 12 point, 17 rebound double-double while Lee Vazquez and Chris Jurkowski each added 14 points in the loss.

The Owls were able to defeat City Tech in the consolation game of the Rutgers Newark Tournament two weeks ago, as freshman guard Andrew Morgan had a team high 18 points, eight boards and four assists for the Owls.

Twelve players out of the 15 players on the Owls' roster were able to put their name in the score sheet as Westfield had little difficulty with City Tech and had a 39-15 lead late in the first half.

Lee Vazquez tallied 15 points and Marcellus Lee added 11 points, while big men Chris Jurkowski and Matt Devine scored 10 and 9 points respectively.

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*photo by David Harris-Fried*

Lee Vazquez scored 14 points for Westfield versus Southern Vermont.

Though Coach Sutter's group only has a couple of games under their belt, the young team seems to be meshing well together.

With 6 foot 7 inch center Devine averaging a double double in points in rebounds so far, the Owls look to have a strong year.

Helping Devine in the scoring department is sophomore guard Lee Vazquez who is averaging around 16 points per game so far this season.

Vazquez must play a big role this season and improve his three-point shooting if the Owls want to compete in the tough MASCAC conference.

The Owls were picked to finish third in the preseason conference poll with Bridgewater State predicted to finish first in the conference.

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# Owls top Falcons at buzzer for nest supremacy

**Peter Francis**
Voice Reporter

Westfield State's men's basketball team emerged victorious on Tuesday night, taking down MASCAC rival Fitchburg State on the road in thrilling fashion 57-55.

Westfield (6-12) was led by a huge performance from sophomore center Matt Devine and some late game heroics from senior captain Chris Jurkowski.

The Owls would sprint out to an 8-0 lead to start the contest, opening with a 3-pointer from Jurkowski.

However, the Falcons were undeterred and clawed their way back into the contest to its bench early and often and was rewarded by the play of reserves Jeremy Kimber and Kyle Berk, who would finish the night with 11 and 16 points respectively.

The Owls' big men finally began to utilize their size in the first half, and the birds in blue headed into the intermission with a 24-23 lead.

Westfield once again sprinted out of the gates to a nine point lead to begin the second half, but the Falcons refused to back down in their own cage and kept it close throughout.

Berk's shooting kept the Falcons in the game, as he would drill back to back three-pointers to tie the game at 55-55 not go to the scorecards, however, as the Owls put the ball in play before Fitchburg could call timeout, allowing Jurkowski to deliver the knockout blow with a lay-up as time expired.

"Captain Crunch" would finish the game with only five points, but they came at crucial moments in the game's opening minutes and the final second.

Devine would lead all scorers with 20 points while also snagging 12 boards for the double-double.

Junior forward Marcellus Lee and freshman guard Andrew Morgan finished with nine points each for the birds in blue

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*Photo by Cindy Williamson*

Sophomore Matt Devine had a double-double in Westfield's win over Fitchburg State.

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# Andrew Morgan selected as MASCAC Rookie of the Year

Article courtesy of
WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State University freshman Andrew Morgan (Somerset, N.J.) was tabbed as the 2010-2011 MASCAC men's basketball Rookie of the Year and sophomore center Matt Devine (Pembroke, Mass.) was a first-team all-conference selection.

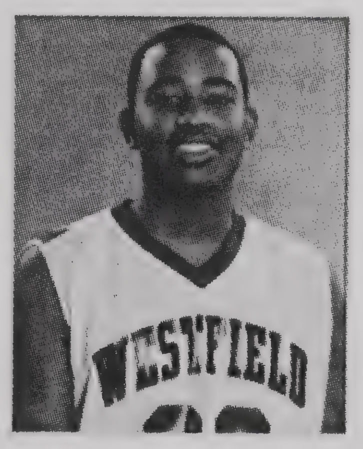
Morgan (Somerset, N.J.) averaged 7.9 points, 3.3 assists and 1.3 steals during his inaugural collegiate campaign.

The Owl point guard ranked fourth in the MASCAC in assists per game and second in free throw shooting (.819 percent, 86-105).

Devine - the 2009-2010 MASCAC Rookie of the Year - earned all-conference honors for the second straight season.

The 6-7 center led the Owls in scoring, averaging 13.3 points per game.

He ranked first in the MASCAC in blocked shots (2.4) and second in rebounding (9.2).



Devine has 130 rejections in two seasons, just nine shy of the school career record of 139 held by All-American Russell Thompson (1984-87).

Salem State University junior forward Brian Clark has been named as the 2010-11 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year and heads the league's all-conference squad in a vote taken of the conference's seven coaches.

A native of Deerfield, Mass., Clark averaged a league-leading 21 points per game while chipping in with 6.7 rebounds per contest during the regular season, as he led the Vikings to their second MASCAC regular season crown in three seasons with an overall mark of 19-6, including an 11-1 league slate.

Salem State University's Chris Harvey was honored by his peers as the 2010-11 MASCAC Turfer Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons after leading the Vikings to 19 victories and their second regular season crown in the last three years.

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# Westfield State University humbles Lady Vikings, 78-56

SALEM — Westfield State hit 10 f its first 15 shots and broke out to big lead early, as the Owls easily andled Salem State 78-56 Saturday ight at James Twohig Gymnasium. VSU improved to 10-5 overall, 2-1 MASCAC play. The Lady ikings fell to 3-8, 0-2.

Jane Jones (Springfield, MA) elped the Owls jump out to an 8-2 ad, assisting on four consecutive askets in a 90-second stretch. alem State recovered nicely, and it the deficit to 13-11 with 15 mines remaining, thanks to hoops by reanna Comeau (Amesbury, MA), ladeleine Park (Blue Hill, ME), d Kristen Federico (Peabody, A).

Westfield State took over from ere, outscoring the Lady Vikings 3-8 the rest of the half. Courtney elRatez (Adams, MA) buried ack-to-back three-pointers to retch the lead to eight, and Olivia ufkin (Gloucester, MA) was 6-6 om the free throw line to pace the wls. WSU entered the halftime cker room leading 46-19, having a minating 28-12 advantage on the ass, and shooting 17-28 (61%) om the floor.

In the second half, the lead grew as many as 33, and the Lady kings would get no closer than 19 rest of the way. Margaret allace (Lowell, MA) was a bright ot for Salem State, scoring 15 of r team-high 18 points in the sec d half. Park was the only other dy Viking in double figures, as she finished with 10. Comeau had seven points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Brianna Kelly (Hampden , MA) led a balanced attack for Westfield State, finishing with a game-high 20 points on 8-14 shooting. Ashley Finnegan (Worcester , MA) had a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds, while Cassy Jouannet (Conway , MA) and Lufkin added 10 apiece. Jones had a game-high 9 assists.

Salem State returns to action next Tuesday, when the Lady Vikings visit Framingham State. Westfield State hosts MCLA on the same night.

### MEN'S HOOPS

Salem State withstood several Westfield State rallies in the second half, and the Vikings pulled away in the waning moments to earn their first conference win of the season, 85-74, Saturday night at James Twohig Gymnasium. Salem State improved to 6-6 on the season, 1-1 in MASCAC play, while Westfield State fell to 5-11, 1-2.

Salem State led 40-29 at halftime and led by as many as 19 points in the second half before securing the 11-point win.

Brian Clark (Deerfield, MA) once again led the Vikings' offense. Clark hit 8-out-of-17 shots and was 7-for-9 from the free throw line to lead all scorers.

Brennan Bennett (Northbridge, MA) came off the bench and provided a huge spark, scoring 16 points in only nine minutes of action. Nick Linear (Salem, MA) and Tristian Shannon (Andover, MA) also played well. The duo combined for 24 points and 11 rebounds as the Vikings had four players in double figures.

Marcellus Lee (Quincy, MA) paced Westfield State with 21 points and six boards in the loss. Matt Devine (Pembroke, MA) – 13 points, six boards – and Jesse Benoit (Granby, MA) – 11 points, eight rebounds – kept the Owls within striking distance.

### HOCKEY

NEW BEDFORD — The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth's hockey team grabbed an early lead and held off visiting Westfield State, 5-4, in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference game at the Stephan Hetland Memorial Ice Arena Saturday.

The Corsairs, who twice took three-goal leads only to see the Owls come back to within a goal, held off the Owls in the final 40 seconds after they had lifted junior goaltender Ian Wilson (Tulsa, OK/North Bay Skyhawks) for an extra attacker.

Junior forward Andrew Pontes (New Bedford, MA/Winchendon School) had given UMass Dartmouth a 5-4 lead when he shoveled home the rebound of junior defenseman Justin Pye's (Medford, MA/Bridgton Academy) shot at 3:39 of the third period. Junior forward Mike Owens (South Boston, MA/Boston Jr. Bulldogs) made it 5-2 two minutes and 12 seconds later.

The Owls came back, getting a goal from freshman defenseman Stephen Tellier (Chicopee, MA/Springfield Pics) when he batted a rebound past UMD senior goaltender Collin Tracy (Medford, MA/Medford HS) during a power play at 10:54. Junior forward A.J. Shiverdecker (Kettering, OH/North Bay Skyhawks) made it 5-4 with a power play deflection of a shot by junior forward Pat Nelson (Cary, NC/Queen City Steam) at 18:56.

The Corsairs jumped out on top, scoring the game's first three goals before Westfield State got on the board.

Junior forward Rob Dudley (Douglas, MA/Middlesex School) scored on UMD's first shot, taking a drop pass from junior forward Mike Owens (South Boston, MA/Boston Jr. Bulldogs) and firing home a slap shot from the circle at the 1:10 mark. Sophomore forward Dan Dempsey (Norwell, MA/Lebanon Valley College) made it 2-0 when he re-directed home a pass from senior forward Joe Hill (Newburyport, MA/Valley Jr.Warriors) with UMD on the power play at 5:55.

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# Women's basketball wins fourth straight, leads MASCAC

**Rob Donoghue**
Sports Editor

Westfield State's women's basketball team continued its impressive run and picked up its fourth straight victory with a 96-80 win over Bridgewater State on Saturday, January 29.

The Owls (13-5, 5-1 MASCAC) exploded on offense from the opening tip and scored more points than they had in any other game this season.

Scoring from all over the court on 67% total shooting, Westfield featured a strong interior presence as well as terrific outside shooting by going 9-12 on three-point shots.

Junior point guard Janae Jones was Westfield's floor general and had little trouble dealing with Bridgewater's constant full-court press, scoring 8 points and adding 8 assists in the win.

Westfield got off to a fast start and led 24-16 midway through the first half.

The Owls opened up a 36-23 lead on back to back three-pointers by sophomore guard Courtney DelRatez later in the half.

DelRatez finished the game with 12 points on four of five three-point shooting.

Another three-pointer by DelRatez with less than five minutes left in the half gave the Owls a 16 point lead at 41-25.

The Bears would not go away quietly, however, and closed the gap heading into halftime as the Owls turned the ball over five times in the last 4:24 of the half.

A missed breakaway layup by Westfield and ensuing foul gave Bridgewater two free throws with under five seconds remaining in the half.

The Bears hit both shots and went into the half trailing 45-38.

The Owls' sloppy play continued to start the second half and Bridgewater came within three points of tying the game at 49-46 less than five minutes into the half.

Westfield responded with a nice offensive run and a three-pointer by Jones gave the Owls a 56-48 lead.

WSU sophomore guard Jenny Bell dominated the second half on both ends of the floor, getting to the hoop with a variety of nice moves.

Bell scored 12 of her 17 total points in the second half.

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Jenny Bell scored 17 points, was a perfect 6 for 6 from the field, and played great defense in WSU's 96-80 victory over Bridgewater State.

second half, but a three-pointer by sophomore guard Angela Patterson gave the Owls a commanding 84-65 lead with three minutes left in the game, ending any hope of a Bridgewater comeback.

Senior captains Cassy Jouannet and Ashley Finnegan both had great games once again for Westfield.

Jouanet showed a nice shooting touch and led the Owls with 18 points and 9 rebounds while Finnegan provided a strong interior presence and added 14 points and 7 rebounds.

Sophomore guard Briana Kelly scored 13 points for the Owls, hitting all 10 of her free throw attempts.

The MASCAC leading Owls

2010-2011

# Owls' duo does it again

**Staff reports**

All season, the Westfield State University women's basketball team has relied on a terrific tandem in the low post.

The senior duo of Ashley Finnegan and Cassy Jouannet were up to their usual tricks again Saturday, combining for 34 points and 21 rebounds as the visiting Owls defeated Salve Regina 55-45 in Newport, R.I.

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# WSU's Finnegan scores 1,000th point

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Sophomore reserve guard Jessica Blodgett (Niantic, CT) scored a team high 13 points and forwards Tanisha Carter (East Hartford, CT) and Piper Chapman (Portsmouth, RBI) both posted double-doubles to pace nationally ranked Eastern Connecticut State University to a 74-49 non-conference women's basketball victory over Westfield State University on Tuesday.

The Warriors, ranked No. 23 in this week's NCAA Division III national poll, remain unbeaten at 7-0. Westfield drops to 5-3.

Carter (12 points, 10 rebounds) and Chapman (10 points, 11 rebounds) powered the inside game as Eastern Connecticut outrebounded Westfield, 47-24. The talented, deep and athletic Warriors also excelled at the free throw line, with nine players canning a combined 23 of 27 attempts. Westfield, meanwhile, was 6-for-7 from the charity stripe.

The Owls stayed with the visitors in the early going, but like all outstanding teams the Warriors went on several scoring runs. Tied at 18-all.

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# Westfield falls to Bridgewater in MASCAC Championship

**Rob Donoghue**
Sports Editor

A great season ended in disappointment on Saturday afternoon as Westfield State's women's basketball team fell at home to Bridgewater 47-42 in the MASCAC Championship game.

Westfield (21-6) had won 12 straight games heading into the Championship but struggled to find a rhythm offensively against the Bears.

The Owls shot just 29.8% from the field, 25.8% in first half, and made only one of 10 three-point attempts in the game. Sixteen turnovers on the afternoon also hurt Westfield.

Senior captain Ashley Finnegan had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds while sophomore Briana Kelly added nine points and five rebounds.

But it was Bridgewater senior guard Brittney Chappron who stole the show, scoring a game high 22 points including two late three-pointers and a mid range jumper to give the Bears the lead for good.

Chappron also hit two clutch free throws to seal the win for Bridgewater.

It was a low scoring game from the opening tip as poor shooting and tough defense led to a 13-7 Bridgewater lead eight minutes into the game.

Westfield trailed 17-7 midway through the first half after having trouble against Bridgewater's tough man-to-man defense.

Tough defense of their own, better shooting and support from the loud home crowd helped Westfield get back into the game and the Owls made it a 17-16 game with 4:50 left in the first half.

Westfield trailed 24-22 after an ice cold first half that saw the two teams combine to shoot 30% from the field and commit 16 total turnovers.

A three-point play by senior captain Cassy Jouannet after she was fouled shooting a layup gave Westfield a 31-30 point lead and a huge momentum boost five minutes into the second half.

With ten minutes left in the half, sophomore Angela Patterson sent the crowd into a frenzy with a three-pointer that gave the Owls a 38-32 lead, their largest of the game.

*Photo by westfieldstateowls.com*

Westfield State seniors Cassy Jouannet, left, and Ashley Finnegan were both named to the MASCAC women's basketball all-conference first-team.

Unfortunately for Westfield, the team would only score four more points in the last 10 minutes of the game and failed to make another three-point shot. The Owls' half court offense seemed out of sync and they struggled to find a consistent rhythm.

Back to back three-pointers by Chappron evened the game at 38 all with 7:16 left. Chapron came up clutch again, hitting a two-point jump shot to give Bridgewater a 40-38 lead with less than four minutes to go.

Kelly tied the gave up for the Owls with a layup with two and a half minutes left in the game, breaking a near eight minute scoring drought for Westfield.

But a Bridgewater three-point play on their very next possession after a layup and foul gave the Bears a 43-40 lead that they would not relinquish.

Westfield got within one after the Owls showed patience in the half court offense and Jouannet hit Finnegan on a great pass through traffic for a layup that made the score 43-42.

Things almost turned for the Owls when Janae Jones stole the ball from Chappron from behind with 50 seconds left in the game, but a turnover by Westfield on the ensuing possession gave the Bears the ball back and free throws sealed the Bridgewater win.

A desperation three-pointer with four seconds left did not fall for the Owls and the Bears left Woodward with a shocking MASCAC Championship.

During halftime of the game, it was announced that both Jouannet and Finnegan were named to the MASCAC women's basketball all-conference first-team while Kelly was named a second-team selection.

Head coach Andrea Bertini was named the MASCAC Turfer Coach of the Year after leading the Owls to the MASCAC regular season title.

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# Wesleyan Outlasts Owls

Westfield Unable To Overcome 8-0 Deficit

Senior Alicia Gardner - the 2010 MASCAC player of the year - was 2 for 2 with a triple and four RBI vs. Wesleyan.

Box Score

CLERMONT, Fla. – Wesleyan University jumped out to an 8-0 first-inning lead and held on for an 11-7 softball victory over Westfield State University on Monday evening, March 14.

Wesleyan (4-4) scored its first run on a bases loaded walk. Dana Levy then rapped a two-run double and Sam Epstein followed with a three-run homer for a 6-0 lead. Wesleyan scored two unearned runs later in the inning on an error by the rightfielder.

Westfield made the score 8-5 with a five-run uprising in the top of the third. Alicia Gardner lined a three-run triple and was brought home on an RBI double by Kerin DeGirolamo. Brianna Isaacs followed with a single and DeGirolamo scored on a fielding error by the rightfielder.

Wesleyan scored a run in the home half of the third then Gardner rapped a runscoring single in the fourth for a 9-6 score.

The Owls cut the lead to two, 9-7, in the sixth, scoring an unearned run when the Wesleyan catcher dropped the ball on a force play at home. But with the bases loaded and no outs Westfield's big scoring threat was thwarted on a groundout and a double play. Wesleyan tacked on two insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Wesleyan outhit Westfield, 12-10. Leadoff batter Kristyn Carroll was 3 for 4 and freshman leftfielder Molly Dunbar was 3 for 3 with three runs scored. Gardner was 2 for 2 with four RBI.

Ashtyn Welcome was the losing pitcher; she was yanked after giving up the three-run homer in the first inning. Also pitching for the Owls were Katie Moore and Madeline Tomich.

# Westfield State vs Wesleyan University (Mar 14, 2011)

- Box score
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## Box Score

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### Mar 14, 2011 at Clermont, FL (NTC)

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| Alicia Gardner 3b | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kerin DeGirolamo cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Brianna Isaacs dp | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ashley Forgues pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bri Eichstaedt ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Cassy Jouannet 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Brittany Dussault c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Amber Coburn rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Molly Dunbar lf | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ashtyn Welcome p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Katie Moore p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Madeline Tomich p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals | 32 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 8 | 7 |

### Wesleyan University 11 (4-4)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allee Beatty c | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Tori Redding cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Chrissy Bello lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Alex Sarkowsky pr/rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Alexis Kral 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 1 |
| Talia Bernstein 3b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dana Levy p/ss | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| Sam Epstein 2b | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Matti Peters dp | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Amy Lindland rf/lf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Marissa Davila ss | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Caitlyn Grudzinski p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Laura Getchell p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 29 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 21 | 8 | 9 |

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Score by Innings                  R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 005 101 0 -  7 12  2
Wesleyan University. 801 002 X - 11 10  2
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E - Jouannet; Coburn; A. Beatty; A. Lindland. DP - Wesleyan 1. LOB - Westfield 7; Wesleyan 9. 2B - DeGirolamo; D. Levy; S. Epstein. 3B - Gardner. HR - S. Epstein. HBP - A. Beatty; C. Bello; A. Lindland. SH - Gardner. SB - Dunbar; A. Beatty 2. CS - T. Redding.

| **Westfield State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ashtyn Welcome L | 0.1 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Katie Moore | 2.0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 1 |
| Madeline Tomich | 3.2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 19 | 4 | 6 |

| **Wesleyan University** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dana Levy | 2.0 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 13 | 1 | 3 |
| Caitlyn Grudzinski W | 4.0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 19 | 7 | 4 |
| Laura Getchell | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 |

Win - C.Grudzinski. Loss - Welcome. Save - None. HBP - by Moore (A. Beatty); by Tomich (C. Bello); by Tomich (A. Lindland).

Umpires -
Start: 6:24 Time: 8:22 Attendance: 50
Weather: Sunny, 70s
D. Levy faced 6 batters in the 3rd.

## Play-by-Play

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Westfield State vs Wesleyan University
## Mar 14, 2011 at Clermont, FL (NTC)

Westfield State starters: 5/2b Carroll; 1/3b Gardner; 8/cf DeGirolamo; 7/dp

Isaacs; 20/ss Eichstaedt; 17/1b Jouannet; 19/c Dussault; 2/rf Coburn; 6/lf Dunbar; 22/p Welcome;

Wesleyan University starters: 22/c A. Beatty; 24/cf T. Redding; 4/lf C. Bello; 23/1b A. Kral; 9/3b T. Bernstein; 10/p D. Levy; 11/2b S. Epstein; 13/dp M. Peters; 1/rf A. Lindland; 15/ss M. Davila;

**Westfield State 1st -** Carroll singled to right field. Gardner grounded out to 3b, SAC; Carroll advanced to second. DeGirolamo struck out looking. Isaacs flied out to rf. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Wesleyan University 1st -** A. Beatty singled to first base, bunt. A. Beatty stole second. T. Redding walked. C. Bello struck out looking. A. Kral walked; T. Redding advanced to second; A. Beatty advanced to third. T. Bernstein walked, RBI; A. Kral advanced to second; T. Redding advanced to third; A. Beatty scored. D. Levy doubled to left field, 2 RBI; T. Bernstein advanced to third; A. Kral scored; T. Redding scored. S. Epstein homered to left center, 3 RBI; D. Levy scored; T. Bernstein scored. Moore to p for Welcome. M. Peters lined out to cf. A. Lindland singled to third base, bunt. A. Beatty singled to left field; A. Lindland advanced to second. T. Redding reached on an error by rf, advanced to second; A. Beatty scored, unearned; A. Lindland scored, unearned. C. Bello flied out to lf. ***8 runs, 5 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 2nd -** Eichstaedt grounded out to p. Jouannet struck out swinging. Dussault grounded out to p. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Wesleyan University 2nd -** A. Kral singled up the middle. T. Bernstein singled to center field; A. Kral advanced to second. D. Levy popped up to ss. S. Epstein lined out to rf; A. Kral advanced to third. M. Peters lined out to 2b. ***0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 3rd -** Coburn singled to shortstop. Dunbar singled to shortstop; Coburn advanced to second. Carroll singled up the middle; Dunbar advanced to second; Coburn advanced to third. Gardner tripled to left center, 3 RBI; Carroll scored; Dunbar scored; Coburn scored. DeGirolamo doubled to left field, RBI; Gardner scored. Isaacs singled to right field, advanced to second on the throw; DeGirolamo scored on a fielding error by rf. Forgues pinch ran for Isaacs. D. Levy to ss. C.Grudzinski to p for M. Davila. Eichstaedt grounded out to p. Jouannet popped up to 1b. Dussault grounded out to 3b. ***5 runs, 6 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Wesleyan University 3rd -** A. Lindland grounded out to ss. A. Beatty hit by pitch. Tomich to p for Moore. T. Redding walked; A. Beatty advanced to second. C. Bello hit by pitch; T. Redding advanced to second; A. Beatty advanced to third. A. Sarkowsky pinch ran for C. Bello. A. Kral out at first p to 2b to 1b, RBI; A. Sarkowsky advanced to second; T. Redding advanced to third; A. Beatty scored. T. Bernstein grounded out to 1b unassisted. ***1 run, 0 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 4th -** A. Sarkowsky to rf. A. Lindland to lf. Coburn grounded out to ss. Dunbar singled up the middle. Carroll flied out to cf. Dunbar stole second. Gardner singled to left center, RBI; Dunbar scored. DeGirolamo flied out to rf. ***1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1***

***LOB.***

**Wesleyan University 4th -** D. Levy flied out to lf. S. Epstein walked. M. Peters fouled out to rf. A. Lindland grounded out to p. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 5th -** Isaacs to dp for Forgues. Isaacs flied out to cf. Eichstaedt walked. Jouannet singled up the middle; Eichstaedt advanced to second. Dussault flied out to lf. Coburn popped up to ss. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Wesleyan University 5th -** A. Beatty singled to center field. A. Beatty stole second. T. Redding singled to third base, bunt; A. Beatty advanced to third. T. Redding out at second c to 2b, caught stealing. A. Sarkowsky fouled out to 3b. A. Kral popped up to 2b. ***0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 6th -** Dunbar singled up the middle. Carroll singled up the middle; Dunbar advanced to second. Gardner walked; Carroll advanced to second; Dunbar advanced to third. DeGirolamo reached on a fielder's choice; Gardner advanced to second; Carroll advanced to third; Dunbar scored on an error by c, unearned. Isaacs reached on a fielder's choice; DeGirolamo advanced to second; Gardner advanced to third; Carroll out at home p to 1b. Eichstaedt lined into double play ss unassisted; Gardner out on the play. ***1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.***

**Wesleyan University 6th -** T. Bernstein grounded out to p. D. Levy walked. S. Epstein doubled to left field, RBI; D. Levy scored. M. Peters grounded out to ss; S. Epstein advanced to third. A. Lindland hit by pitch. A. Beatty reached on a throwing error by 1b, advanced to second; A. Lindland advanced to third; S. Epstein scored, unearned. T. Redding grounded out to 2b. ***2 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 7th -** L. Getchell to p for C.Grudzinski. Jouannet struck out swinging. Dussault grounded out to ss. Coburn struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

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# Westfield Dodges Snowflakes To Nip Nichols, 6-5

The Owls regroup between innings to rally from an early 3-0 deficit.

Box Score

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior third baseman Alicia Gardner (Athol) was 3 for 4 with two RBI to lead Westfield State University to a cold and snowy 6-5 softball victory over Nichols College on Wednesday, March 23.

The second game of the non-conference doubleheader was cancelled because of accumulating snow. Westfield improved its record to 6-4; Nichols is 4-7.

Nichols jumped out to a 3-0 second-inning lead, scoring three unearned runs on no hits, two errors, two walks and a hit batter.

With two outs Barbara Roy plated the first run by drawing a bases loaded walk. Nichols then scored two more runs on an infield throwing error on a forceout attempt at second base.

The Owls scored single runs in the second and third innings. In the second, pinchrunner Ashley Forgues advanced from first to third on a sacrifice bunt by Courtney Begin and scored on the play on an overthrow at third base.

Westfield made the score 3-2 in the third on an RBI single by freshman shortstop Dri Eichstaedt.

The Owls scored three runs on three hits and two errors in the bottom of the fourth to take a 5-3 lead. Kristyn Carroll clubbed a standup double down the leftfield line, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Gardner's opposite field single down the leftfield line.

Kerin DeGirolamo capped the fourth-inning uprising when she crushed an RBI triple to left-centerfield and scored on an overthrow at third base.

Courtney Begin slaps an infield single to start the fifth inning. Begin was 1 for 2 with a run scored and sacrifice hit.

Westfield scored the eventual winning run in the fifth when Begin reached on an infield single, advanced to second and third on a sac hit and groundout, and scored a single by Gardner, a hard smash off the shortstop's glove.

Nichols rallied for two runs in its final at bat to make it interesting. Jenna Priore laced a one-out single and scored on an RBI double by Chelsea Correia, who scored on a two-out RBI single by Emalee Watkins. Lauren Correia popped out to leftfield to end

the game.

Winning pitcher Madeline Tomich allowed seven hits (three in the seventh inning), two earned runs and three walks and struck out four. Losing hurler Lindsay Hassett gave up nine hits and four walks and fanned five.

DeGirolamo was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and a triple. Chelsea Correia was 2 for 4 with two doubles and Lauren Correia was 2 for 4.

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# Nichols College vs Westfield State (Mar 23, 2011)

- Box score
- Play-by-Play

## Box Score

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Nichols College at Westfield State (Game 1)
## Mar 23, 2011 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

### Nichols College 5 (4-7)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allasyn Lieneck rf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Barbara Roy lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jenna Priore 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Chelsea Correia c | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 |
| Ashley McCool pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Savannah Thibault 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Emalee Watkins ss | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Lauren Correia cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lindsay Hassett p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Kylie Langton 2b | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 26 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 14 | 8 |

### Westfield State 6 (6-4)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kristyn Carroll 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Jessica Rodier 2b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Alicia Gardner 3b | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kerin DeGirolamo cf | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Brianna Isaacs dp | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amber Coburn pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bri Eichstaedt ss | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Brittany Dussault c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| Cassy Jouannet 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ashley Forgues pr | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Courtney Begin rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Lisa Policelli lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Madeline Tomich p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals | 26 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 21 | 9 | 9 |

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Score by Innings                    R  H  E
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Nichols College..... 030 000 2 -  5  7  4
Westfield State..... 011 310 X -  6  9  2
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E - Thibault; Watkins; Correia, L.; Langton; Carroll; Dussault. LOB - Nichols 8; Westfield 9. 2B - Correia, C. 2; Carroll. 3B - DeGirolamo. HBP - Watkins; Eichstaedt. SH - Roy; Hassett; Langton; Isaacs; Begin. SB - Priore; Watkins; Eichstaedt. Reached on CI - Lieneck.

| **Nichols College** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lindsay Hassett L | 6.0 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 33 | 0 | 13 |

| **Westfield State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madeline Tomich W | 7.0 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 34 | 8 | 9 |

Win - Tomich. Loss - Hassett. Save - None. WP - Hassett. HBP - by Tomich (Watkins); by Hassett (Eichstaedt). BK - Tomich. PB - Correia, C.. CI - Dussault.

Umpires - HP: Steve Kolitz 1B: Jeff Van Kirk
Start: 3:00 Time: 1:46 Attendance: 35
Weather: Flurries, COLD, 30s

## Play-by-Play

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Nichols College at Westfield State (Game 1)
## Mar 23, 2011 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Nichols College starters: 24/rf Lieneck; 1/lf Roy; 23/1b Priore; 14/c Correia, C.; 16/3b Thibault; 6/ss Watkins; 9/cf Correia, L.; 8/p Hassett; 4/2b Langton;

Westfield State starters: 5/2b Carroll; 1/3b Gardner; 8/cf DeGirolamo; 7/dp Isaacs; 20/ss Eichstaedt; 19/c Dussault; 17/1b Jouannet; 10/rf Begin; 9/lf Policelli; 3/p Tomich;

**Nichols College 1st -** Lieneck singled to third base, bunt. Roy out at first 1b to 2b, SAC;

Lieneck advanced to second. Lieneck advanced to third on a balk. Priore walked. Correia, C. struck out swinging; Priore stole second. Thibault popped up to 2b. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 1st -** Carroll struck out swinging. Gardner singled up the middle. DeGirolamo walked; Gardner advanced to second. Isaacs out at first p to 2b, SAC; DeGirolamo advanced to second; Gardner advanced to third. Eichstaedt walked. Dussault struck out looking. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 3 LOB.***

**Nichols College 2nd -** Watkins hit by pitch. Correia, L. popped up to ss. Hassett out at first 1b to 2b; Watkins advanced to second. Langton walked. Watkins stole third. Lieneck reached on catcher's interference; Langton advanced to second. Roy walked, RBI; Lieneck advanced to second; Langton advanced to third; Watkins scored, unearned. Priore reached on a fielder's choice; Roy advanced to second on a throwing error by 2b; Lieneck scored, unearned; Langton scored, unearned. Correia, C. flied out to rf. ***3 runs, 0 hits, 2 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 2nd -** Jouannet walked. Forgues pinch ran for Jouannet. Begin out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; Forgues advanced to third. Forgues scored on a throwing error by 2b, unearned. Policelli grounded out to 3b. Carroll grounded out to ss. ***1 run, 0 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.***

**Nichols College 3rd -** Jouannet to 1b for Forgues. Rodier to 2b for Carroll. Thibault struck out swinging. Watkins popped up to ss. Correia, L. singled to third base. Hassett grounded out to 2b. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 3rd -** Gardner out at first p to ss to 1b. DeGirolamo singled through the left side. Isaacs singled to right center, advanced to second on a throwing error by cf; DeGirolamo advanced to third. Eichstaedt singled to center field, RBI; Isaacs advanced to third; DeGirolamo scored. Eichstaedt stole second. Dussault walked. Jouannet struck out looking. Begin reached on a fielder's choice; Dussault advanced to second; Eichstaedt advanced to third; Isaacs out at home 3b to c. ***1 run, 3 hits, 1 error, 3 LOB.***

**Nichols College 4th -** Carroll to 2b for Rodier. Langton grounded out to p. Lieneck lined out to 1b. Roy struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 4th -** Policelli struck out swinging. Carroll doubled down the lf line. Carroll advanced to third on a wild pitch. Gardner singled down the lf line, RBI; Carroll scored. DeGirolamo tripled to left center, RBI, scored on a throwing error by ss; Gardner scored. Isaacs reached on a throwing error by 3b. Coburn pinch ran for Isaacs. Coburn advanced to second on a passed ball. Eichstaedt hit by pitch. Dussault grounded out to p; Eichstaedt advanced to second; Coburn advanced to third. Jouannet struck out swinging. ***3 runs, 3 hits, 2 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Nichols College 5th -** Isaacs to dp for Coburn. Priore grounded out to ss. Correia, C. doubled to left field. McCool pinch ran for Correia, C.. Thibault fouled out to c. Watkins grounded out to 3b. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 5th** - Correia, C. to c for McCool. Begin singled to third base. Policelli out at first 1b to 2b, bunt; Begin advanced to second. Carroll grounded out to p; Begin advanced to third. Gardner singled to shortstop, RBI; Begin scored. DeGirolamo grounded out to 3b. ***1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Nichols College 6th** - Correia, L. singled to center field. Hassett out at first p to 2b, SAC; Correia, L. advanced to second. Langton out at first p to 2b, SAC; Correia, L. advanced to third. Lieneck struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 6th** - Isaacs grounded out to ss. Eichstaedt grounded out to ss. Dussault grounded out to ss. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Nichols College 7th** - Roy grounded out to ss. Priore singled to center field. Correia, C. doubled to center field, RBI; Priore scored. Thibault lined out to cf; Correia, C. advanced to third. Watkins singled to center field, RBI; Correia, C. scored. Correia, L. flied out to lf. ***2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

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# Softball Sweeps Salem; Tied For First In MASCAC

Freshman Kerry Alcott pitched a complete game in Westfield's 7-1 victory over Salem. She gave up three hits and no walks and struck out two. www.mortssports.net photo

Game One Box Game Two Box

SALEM - The Westfield State University softball team registered two big victories in the Witch City on Monday, April 18, taking a twinbill from Salem State by 3-2 and 7-1 scores.

The Owls remain tied for first place with Worcester State in the MASCAC with a 6-2 record.

Alicia Gardner (Athol, MA) knocked in the game-winning runs in both victories as Westfield boosted its overall record to 14-13. Salem State falls to 17-15 and 3-5 in the MASCAC.

Gardner (Athol, MA) went 2-for-4 including a two-run triple in the top of the seventh in the Owl's 3-2 victory over the Lady Vikings in game one.

Madeline Tomich (Alford, MA) had a rollercoast day on the mound in the opener. She gave up one hit, walked 10 batters and struck out four in her complete game en route to her 11th win of the season.

Freshman pitcher Lauren DiCredico (Tewksbury, MA) took the loss after seven innings on the mound against an Owl lineup not afraid to work the count. DiCredico allowed three earned runs on four hits.

The game was scoreless until the top of the fifth inning when Westfield's Courtney Begin's (Salem, MA) groundout scored Brittany Dussault (Chicopee, MA) for the one run lead. In the bottom half of the fifth, Christina Cipriani (Peabody, MA) smacked a two-out single to score Gabbie Vitale (Danvers, MA) and knot the game at 1-1.

The Owls had a chance to break the game open in the sixth inning but DiCredico battled against the heart of the lineup to get out of a bases loaded jam unscathed. Salem State regained the lead in the bottom of the sixth off of Taylor Orlando's (Danvers, MA) sacrifice fly to left field that scored Jenna Lentine (Methuen, MA).

Gardner gave Westfield State the lead when she lifted a pitch to deep right field with runners on second and third in the top of the seventh to score Kristyn Carroll (Brockton, MA) and Molly Dunbar (Weymouth, MA) and seal the victory for the Owls

Westfield State carried the momentum into the second game with a 7-1 victory over the Vikings. Freshman shortstop Br Eichstaedt (Southampton, MA) finished 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI.

Kerry Alcott (Groton, MA) recorded her second victory of the season. Alcott gave up one earned run on three hits, recorded two strikeouts and did not walk a batter in her complete game effort. Salem State hurler Katelynn Fanning (East Boston, MA) gave up six earned runs on eight hits and struck out five batters in seven innings of work.

Cassy Jouannet (Conway, MA) drove in Eichstaedt in the top of the second to break the scoreless tie and give Westfield the early one-run advantage. The Owls broke the game open with a four-run third inning that began with Gardner's RBI single through the infield.

Eichstaedt doubled Gardner across the plate and Britney Dussault (Chicopee, MA) knocked in a run with a groundball single through the right side of the infield. The inning was capped when Kerin DeGirolamo's (North Attleboro, MA) scored on a passed ball. Fanning struck out Begin to end the inning.

The Lady Vikings scored their lone run in the bottom of the sixth. Orlando, who singled, reached third base after stealing second and advanced to third on Sarra Bergeron's sacrifice bunt. Orlando scored on Michelle Grifoni's (Peabody, MA) sacrifice fly to center field.

Salem State and Westfield State will host doubleheaders on Thursday afternoon. The Vikings will square off against the UMass Dartmouth Corsairs and The Owls will match up against the Rhode Island College Anchormen.

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# Westfield State vs Salem State (Apr 18, 2011)

- Box score
- Play-by-Play

## Box Score

### 2011 Season Statistics
### Westfield State at Salem State
### Apr 18, 2011 at Salem, MA (Alumni Field)

### Westfield State 3 (13-13,5-2)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kristyn Carroll 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Alicia Gardner 3b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Brianna Isaacs dp | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Bri Eichstaedt ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Kerin DeGirolamo cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Brittany Dussault c | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| Cassy Jouannet 1b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Ashley Forgues pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Courtney Begin rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Molly Dunbar lf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Madeline Tomich p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 23 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 8 | 6 |

### Salem State 2 (17-14,3-4)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bergeron cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Grifoni ss | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Vitale c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Cipriani dp | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Garchinsky 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Lentine 3b | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Aldred 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Flower lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| DiCredico p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Totals | 18 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 21 | 13 | 9 |

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Score by Innings                       R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 000 010 2 -  3  4  1
Salem State......... 000 011 0 -  2  1  1
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E - Dussault; Bergeron. LOB - WES 6; SSU 9. 2B - Carroll; Dussault. 3B - Gardner. HBP - Dunbar. SH - Isaacs; Jouannet; Begin; Bergeron 2; Flower. SF - Orlando.

| **Westfield State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madeline Tomich W | 7.0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 32 | 9 | 8 |

| **Salem State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DiCredico L | 7.0 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 30 | 7 | 13 |

Win - Tomich. Loss - DiCredico. Save - None. HBP - by DiCredico (Dunbar).

Umpires -
Start: 1:00PM Time: 1:54 Attendance: 60

## Play-by-Play

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Westfield State at Salem State
## Apr 18, 2011 at Salem, MA (Alumni Field)

Westfield State starters: 5/2b Carroll; 1/3b Gardner; 7/dp Isaacs; 20/ss Eichstaedt; 8/cf DeGirolamo; 19/c Dussault; 17/1b Jouannet; 10/rf Begin; 6/lf Dunbar; 3/p Tomich;

Salem State starters: 5/rf Orlando; 14/cf Bergeron; 7/ss Grifoni; 3/c Vitale; 21/dp Cipriani; 4/2b Garchinsky; 9/3b Lentine; 6/1b Aldred; 8/lf Flower; 18/p DiCredico;

**Westfield State 1st -** Carroll grounded out to 3b. Gardner reached on an error by cf, advanced to second. Isaacs flied out to rf. Eichstaedt flied out to lf. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Salem State 1st -** Orlando walked. Bergeron out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Orlando advanced to second. Grifoni walked; Orlando advanced to third on an error by c. Vitale struck out swinging. Cipriani flied out to rf. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 2nd -** DeGirolamo grounded out to p. Dussault grounded out to 2b. Jouannet walked. Begin out at first p to 2b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Salem State 2nd -** Garchinsky walked. Lentine popped up to 3b. Aldred struck out swinging. Flower popped up to p. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 3rd -** Dunbar popped up to c. Carroll lined out to 2b. Gardner grounded out to 3b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Salem State 3rd -** Orlando walked. Bergeron out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Orlando advanced to second. Grifoni walked. Vitale walked; Grifoni advanced to second; Orlando advanced to third. Cipriani popped up to p. Garchinsky struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.***

**Westfield State 4th -** Isaacs grounded out to p. Eichstaedt grounded out to ss. DeGirolamo flied out to lf. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Salem State 4th -** Lentine popped up to p. Aldred struck out. Flower lined out to ss. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 5th -** Dussault doubled. Jouannet out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Dussault advanced to third. Begin out at first c to 2b, RBI; Dussault scored. Dunbar lined out to 1b. ***1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Salem State 5th -** Orlando flied out to cf. Bergeron grounded out to 3b. Grifoni walked. Vitale walked; Grifoni advanced to second. Cipriani singled, advanced to second, RBI; Vitale advanced to third; Grifoni scored. Garchinsky popped up to 3b. ***1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 6th -** Carroll doubled, ground-rule. Gardner singled to shortstop. Isaacs out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Gardner advanced to second; Carroll advanced to third. Eichstaedt popped up to ss. DeGirolamo walked. Dussault grounded out to ss. ***0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.***

**Salem State 6th -** Lentine walked. Aldred walked; Lentine advanced to second. Flower out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Aldred advanced to second; Lentine advanced to third. Orlando flied out to lf, SAC, RBI; Aldred advanced to third; Lentine scored. Bergeron grounded out to 3b. ***1 run, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 7th -** Jouannet walked. Forgues pinch ran for Jouannet. Begin out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Forgues advanced to second. Dunbar hit by pitch. Carroll reached on a fielder's choice; Dunbar advanced to second; Forgues out at third p to 3b. Gardner tripled, 2 RBI; Carroll scored; Dunbar scored. Isaacs struck out looking. ***2 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Salem State 7th -** Jouannet to 1b for Forgues. Grifoni grounded out to 3b. Vitale

grounded out to p. Cipriani grounded out to 2b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

# Westfield State vs Salem State (Apr 18, 2011)

- Box score
- Play-by-Play

## Box Score

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Westfield State at Salem State (Game 2)
## Apr 18, 2011 at Salem, MA (Alumni Field)

### Westfield State 7 (14-13,6-2)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kristyn Carroll 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Alicia Gardner 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Brianna Isaacs dp | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bri Eichstaedt ss | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Kerin DeGirolamo cf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Brittany Dussault c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Cassy Jouannet 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Courtney Begin rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Molly Dunbar lf | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Kerry Alcott p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 29 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 15 | 6 |

### Salem State 1 (17-15,3-5)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando rf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bergeron cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| DiCredico cf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grifoni ss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Brown dp | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Doucette ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cipriani 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Vitale c | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Flemming c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Garchinsky 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Lentine 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Aldred 3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Flower lf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fanning p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 23 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 21 | 10 | 3 |

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Score by Innings                     R  H  E
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Westfield State..... 014 020 0 -  7  8  2
Salem State......... 000 001 0 -  1  3  1
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E - Gardner; Dunbar; Garchinsky. LOB - WES 6; SSU 3. 2B - Eichstaedt 2. HBP - Dunbar 2. SH - Carroll; Bergeron. SF - Grifoni. SB - DeGirolamo; Dussault; Orlando; Flower.

| **Westfield State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kerry Alcott W | 7.0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 25 | 3 | 16 |

| **Salem State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fanning L | 7.0 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 34 | 6 | 10 |

Win - Alcott. Loss - Fanning. Save - None. HBP - by Fanning (Dunbar); by Fanning (Dunbar). PB - Vitale 2.

Umpires -
Start: 3:20 Time: 1:30 Attendance: 60

## Play-by-Play

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Westfield State at Salem State (Game 2)
## Apr 18, 2011 at Salem, MA (Alumni Field)

Westfield State starters: 5/2b Carroll; 1/3b Gardner; 7/dp Isaacs; 20/ss Eichstaedt; 8/cf DeGirolamo; 19/c Dussault; 17/1b Jouannet; 10/rf Begin; 6/lf Dunbar; 11/p Alcott;

Salem State starters: 5/rf Orlando; 14/cf Bergeron; 7/ss Grifoni; 12/dp Brown; 21/1b Cipriani; 3/c Vitale; 4/2b Garchinsky; 9/3b Lentine; 8/lf Flower; 16/p Fanning;

**Westfield State 1st -** Carroll grounded out to 2b. Gardner flied out to lf. Isaacs grounded out to ss. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Salem State 1st -** Orlando grounded out to ss. Bergeron grounded out to ss. Grifoni flied out to lf. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 2nd -** Eichstaedt singled. DeGirolamo grounded out to ss; Eichstaedt advanced to second. Eichstaedt advanced to third. Dussault walked. Dussault stole second. Jouannet popped up to 1b, RBI; Dussault advanced to third; Eichstaedt scored. Begin struck out swinging. ***1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Salem State 2nd -** Brown grounded out to 2b. Cipriani grounded out to 2b. Vitale singled. Garchinsky grounded out to 3b. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 3rd -** Dunbar hit by pitch. Carroll out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Dunbar advanced to second. Gardner singled, advanced to second, RBI; Dunbar scored. Isaacs grounded out to p. Gardner advanced to third on a passed ball. Eichstaedt doubled, RBI; Gardner scored. DeGirolamo singled, advanced to second, RBI; Eichstaedt scored. Dussault reached on an error by 2b; DeGirolamo advanced to third. Dussault advanced to second; DeGirolamo scored on a passed ball, unearned. Jouannet walked. Begin struck out swinging. ***4 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.***

**Salem State 3rd -** Lentine grounded out to ss. Flower singled, advanced to second on an error by 3b. Orlando struck out swinging. Flower stole third. Bergeron grounded out to 3b. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 4th -** Flemming to c for Vitale. DiCredico to cf for Bergeron. Dunbar struck out swinging. Carroll grounded out to ss. Gardner grounded out to p. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Salem State 4th -** Grifoni grounded out to 1b unassisted. Brown grounded out to p. Cipriani grounded out to 2b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 5th -** Bergeron to cf for DiCredico. Isaacs flied out to cf. Eichstaedt doubled. DeGirolamo singled; Eichstaedt advanced to third. DeGirolamo stole second. Dussault singled, advanced to second, 2 RBI; DeGirolamo scored; Eichstaedt scored. Jouannet singled, advanced to second; Dussault advanced to third. Begin grounded out to 3b, bunt. Dunbar hit by pitch. Carroll flied out to cf. ***2 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.***

**Salem State 5th -** Flemming struck out looking. Garchinsky reached on an error by lf, advanced to second. Lentine grounded out to 3b; Garchinsky advanced to third. Flower grounded out to c, bunt. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 6th -** Aldred to 3b for Lentine. Gardner grounded out to c. Isaacs lined out to 3b. Eichstaedt lined out to cf. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Salem State 6th -** Orlando singled. Orlando stole second. Bergeron out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; Orlando advanced to third. Grifoni flied out to cf, SAC, RBI; Orlando scored. Doucette pinch hit for Brown. Doucette grounded out to 2b. ***1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 7th -** DeGirolamo grounded out to ss. Dussault struck out looking. Jouannet struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Salem State 7th -** Cipriani grounded out to ss. Flemming flied out to lf. Garchinsky grounded out to 2b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

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# Regionally Ranked RIC Sweeps Westfield

Second baseman Kristyn Carroll applies the tag on a 6-5-4 pickle putout. Photo by www.mortssports.net

Game One Box    Game Two Box

PHOTO GALLERY

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior centerfielder Amanda Perry (New Bedford) was 6 for 8 with four RBI, a home run, triple and two doubles to power Rhode Island College to a 5-2, 11-0 softball sweep of Westfield State University on Thursday, April 21.

RIC – ranked No. 4 in the New England Region poll – boosted its record to 25-4; Westfield is 14-15.

Perry pounded a homer, triple and double with three RBI in RIC's 11-0, five-inning victory in the nightcap. In the opener, she was 3 for 4 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI to help rally the visitors from a 2-0 deficit after five innings.

In the opener, Chelsi Panarelli led of the sixth with a wind-blown single to short center field. Perry doubled to drive in RIC's first of two sixth-inning runs. Perry then scored on a clutch two-out double down the left field line by Laura DeNoncour on a 1-2 pitch.

RIC scored three runs in the seventh after two outs and the bases empty. Donielle Mattoon beat out an infield single and scored on Panarelli's double to left-center field. Perry singled to left field and scampered to second on the throw into the infield. Kristina Gingell then delivered a two-run single.

Amanda Berard was the winning pitcher in relief of Emily Johnson in improving her record to 9-0. Berard pitched four complete innings, allowing two hits and striking out eight.

Westfield loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the fifth on the two hits and a walk but Berard recorded two strikeouts to end the threat.

RIC out-hit Westfield, 11-6. Panarelli was 3 for 4 with a double and Stacy Pokora was 2 for 3.

Westfield pitcher Kerry Alcott flips to ball to first base for the final out and to end a scoring threat. Photo by www.mortssports.net

Kerin DeGirolamo was 2 for 3 and had both Owl RBI. Freshman shortstop Bri Eichstaedt belted an opposite field triple.

In the second game, 10 of RIC's 13 hits went for extra bases: eight doubles, one triple and one homer. Kayla Jandreau was 2 for 3 with three RBI, three runs scored and two doubles. Mattoon was 2 for 4 with two RBI and Emily Johnson was 2 for 2 with two

doubles.

Winning pitcher Kyla Puccini scattered four singles and two walks and fanned two; she was aided by two double plays in the five-inning game.

Alicia Gardner tags out a baseunner attempting to go from second to third base on an infield groundout. Photo by www.mortssports.net

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# Rhode Island College vs Westfield State (Apr 21, 2011)

- Box score
- Play-by-Play

## Box Score

### 2011 Season Statistics
### Rhode Island College at Westfield State (Game 1)
### Apr 21, 2011 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

### Rhode Island College 5 (24-4)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kayla Jandreau c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 |
| Marisa Jandreau 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Donielle Mattoon ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Chelsi Panarelli 1b | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Amanda Perry cf | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cristina Bailey 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kristina Gingell rf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Laura DeNoncour dp | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Giulia Khoury pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stacy Pokora lf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Emily Johnson p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Amanda Berard p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 32 | 5 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 4 | 9 |

### Westfield State 2 (14-14)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kristyn Carroll 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Alicia Gardner 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Lisa Policelli dp | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bri Eichstaedt ss | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Kerin DeGirolamo cf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| Chloe Frechette c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Cassy Jouannet 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ashley Forgues pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Courtney Begin rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Molly Dunbar lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kerry Alcott p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Katie Moore p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 26 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 21 | 12 | 6 |

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Score by Innings                      R  H  E
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Rhode Island College 000 002 3 -  5 11  1
Westfield State..... 100 100 0 -  2  6  2
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E - A. Perry; Eichstaedt; Dunbar. DP - Westfield 1. LOB - RIC 9; Westfield 6. 2B - C. Panarelli; A. Perry; L. DeNoncour. 3B - Eichstaedt. HBP - C. Bailey. SB - DeGirolamo.

| **Rhode Island College** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emily Johnson | 3.0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 14 | 4 | 1 |
| Amanda Berard W,10-0 | 4.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 15 | 2 | 2 |

| **Westfield State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kerry Alcott L | 6.2 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 33 | 5 | 10 |
| Katie Moore | 0.1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |

Win - A. Berard (10-0). Loss - Alcott (). Save - None. WP - A. Berard 2. HBP - by Alcott (C. Bailey). PB - Frechette.

Umpires - HP: Michael Morgan 1B: Todd Robbins
Start: 3:00 Time: 1:45 Attendance: 50
Weather: Sunny, Very Wind, 50
E. Johnson faced 2 batters in the 4th.

## Play-by-Play

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Rhode Island College at Westfield State (Game 1)
## Apr 21, 2011 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Rhode Island College starters: 3/c K. Jandreau; 2/2b M. Jandreau; 8/ss D. Mattoon; 19/1b C. Panarelli; 1/cf A. Perry; 11/3b C. Bailey; 4/rf K. Gingell; 23/dp L. DeNoncour; 13/lf S. Pokora; 21/p E. Johnson;

Westfield State starters: 5/2b Carroll; 1/3b Gardner; 9/dp Policelli; 20/ss Eichstaedt; 8/cf DeGirolamo; 18/c Frechette; 17/1b Jouannet; 10/rf Begin;

6/lf Dunbar; 11/p Alcott;

**Rhode Island College 1st -** K. Jandreau popped up to ss. M. Jandreau walked. M. Jandreau advanced to second on a passed ball. D. Mattoon grounded into double play ss to 1b to 3b; M. Jandreau out on the play. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 1st -** Carroll singled through the left side. Gardner struck out swinging. Policelli popped up to p. Eichstaedt walked; Carroll advanced to second. DeGirolamo singled up the middle, RBI; Eichstaedt advanced to second, advanced to third on a fielding error by cf; Carroll scored. DeGirolamo stole second. Frechette lined out to p. ***1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.***

**Rhode Island College 2nd -** C. Panarelli singled to pitcher. A. Perry out at first 3b to 2b; C. Panarelli advanced to second. C. Bailey grounded out to 3b. K. Gingell lined out to cf. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 2nd -** Jouannet walked. Forgues pinch ran for Jouannet. Begin reached on a fielder's choice, bunt; Forgues out at second c to ss. Begin out at first c to 1b, picked off. Dunbar struck out looking. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Rhode Island College 3rd -** Jouannet to 1b for Forgues. L. DeNoncour struck out looking. S. Pokora singled, advanced to second on a throwing error by lf. K. Jandreau lined out to cf. M. Jandreau reached on a throwing error by ss; S. Pokora advanced to third. D. Mattoon grounded out to p. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 2 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 3rd -** Carroll struck out swinging. Gardner flied out to lf. Policelli flied out to rf. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Rhode Island College 4th -** C. Panarelli out at first p to 2b to 1b. A. Perry singled to left field. C. Bailey reached on a fielder's choice; A. Perry out at second ss to 3b to 2b. K. Gingell grounded out to 2b. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 4th -** Eichstaedt tripled to right field. DeGirolamo singled through the left side, RBI; Eichstaedt scored. A. Berard to p for E. Johnson. Frechette struck out swinging. DeGirolamo advanced to second on a wild pitch. Jouannet struck out swinging. Begin struck out swinging. ***1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Rhode Island College 5th -** L. DeNoncour struck out looking. S. Pokora singled up the middle. K. Jandreau flied out to cf. M. Jandreau grounded out to 1b unassisted. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 5th -** Dunbar singled up the middle. Carroll struck out swinging. Dunbar advanced to second on a wild pitch. Gardner walked. Policelli singled, bunt; Gardner advanced to second; Dunbar advanced to third. Eichstaedt struck out swinging. DeGirolamo struck out looking. ***0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.***

**Rhode Island College 6th -** D. Mattoon grounded out to ss. C. Panarelli singled to center

field. A. Perry doubled to right field, RBI; C. Panarelli scored. C. Bailey struck out looking. K. Gingell walked. L. DeNoncour doubled down the lf line, RBI; K. Gingell advanced to third; A. Perry scored. G. Khoury pinch ran for L. DeNoncour. S. Pokora grounded out to p. ***2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 6th -** Frechette struck out swinging. Jouannet popped up to ss. Begin grounded out to ss. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Rhode Island College 7th -** K. Jandreau flied out to cf. M. Jandreau struck out swinging. D. Mattoon singled to shortstop. C. Panarelli doubled to left center, RBI; D. Mattoon scored. A. Perry singled to left field; C. Panarelli advanced to third. A. Perry advanced to second. C. Bailey hit by pitch. Moore to p for Alcott. K. Gingell singled to left field, 2 RBI, advanced to second on the throw; C. Bailey advanced to second, advanced to third on the throw; A. Perry scored; C. Panarelli scored. L. DeNoncour to dp for G. Khoury. L. DeNoncour flied out to cf. ***3 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 7th -** Dunbar grounded out to p. Carroll popped up to ss. Gardner struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

# Rhode Island College vs Westfield State (Apr 21, 2011)

- Box score
- Play-by-Play

## Box Score

### 2011 Season Statistics
### Rhode Island College at Westfield State (Game 2)
### Apr 21, 2011 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

### Rhode Island College 11 (25-4)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kayla Jandreau c | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Marisa Jandreau 2b | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Donielle Mattoon ss | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Chelsi Panarelli 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Alicia Gutauskas pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amanda Perry cf | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cristina Bailey 3b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Giulia Khoury 3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kristina Gingell rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jaci Lata rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Emily Johnson dp | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stacy Pokora lf | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maria Darling ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kyla Puccini p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals | 26 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 10 | 6 |

### Westfield State 0 (14-15)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kristyn Carroll 2b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Ashley Forgues 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alicia Gardner 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Amber Coburn dp | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bri Eichstaedt ss | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kerin DeGirolamo cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Cassy Jouannet 1b | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Jessica Rodier c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Courtney Begin rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Molly Dunbar lf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kelley Fluet p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kayla LeMay p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 18 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 5 | 5 |

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Score by Innings              R  H  E
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E - D. Mattoon. DP - RIC 2. LOB - RIC 6; Westfield 5. 2B - K. Jandreau 2; M. Jandreau; A. Perry; C. Bailey; E. Johnson 2; S. Pokora. 3B - A. Perry. HR - A. Perry. HBP - E. Johnson. SH - M. Jandreau. SB - M. Jandreau; S. Pokora. CS - D. Mattoon.

| **Rhode Island College** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kyla Puccini W | 5.0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 20 | 1 | 9 |

| **Westfield State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kelley Fluet L | 2.0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| Kayla LeMay | 3.0 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 20 | 5 | 2 |

Win - K. Puccini. Loss - Fluet. Save - None. WP - Fluet. HBP - by LeMay (E. Johnson). PB - Rodier.

Umpires - HP: Todd Robbins 1B: Mike Morgan
Start: 5:00 Time: 1:30 Attendance: 30
Weather: Very Windy, Cold, Sunny

## Play-by-Play

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Rhode Island College at Westfield State (Game 2)
## Apr 21, 2011 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Rhode Island College starters: 3/c K. Jandreau; 2/2b M. Jandreau; 8/ss D. Mattoon; 19/1b C. Panarelli; 1/cf A. Perry; 11/3b C. Bailey; 4/rf K. Gingell; 21/dp E. Johnson; 13/lf S. Pokora; 22/p K. Puccini;

Westfield State starters: 5/2b Carroll; 1/3b Gardner; 2/dp Coburn; 20/ss Eichstaedt; 8/cf DeGirolamo; 17/1b Jouannet; 14/c Rodier; 10/rf Begin; 6/lf

Dunbar; 21/p Fluet;

**Rhode Island College 1st -** K. Jandreau walked. M. Jandreau out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; K. Jandreau advanced to third. D. Mattoon singled down the lf line, RBI; K. Jandreau scored. C. Panarelli struck out swinging; D. Mattoon advanced to second on a wild pitch. A. Perry tripled to right center, RBI; D. Mattoon scored. C. Bailey popped up to 3b. ***2 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 1st -** Carroll singled through the right side. Gardner reached on a fielder's choice; Carroll advanced to second on a throwing error by ss. Gardner advanced to second; Carroll out at third 2b to 3b. Coburn struck out swinging. Eichstaedt grounded out to p. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Rhode Island College 2nd -** K. Gingell struck out looking. E. Johnson doubled to right center. E. Johnson advanced to third on a passed ball. S. Pokora walked. S. Pokora stole second. K. Jandreau doubled to left center, 2 RBI; S. Pokora scored; E. Johnson scored. M. Jandreau flied out to rf; K. Jandreau advanced to third. D. Mattoon singled through the left side, RBI; K. Jandreau scored. D. Mattoon out at second c to 1b to ss, caught stealing. ***3 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 2nd -** DeGirolamo walked. Jouannet walked; DeGirolamo advanced to second. Rodier grounded out to 1b unassisted; Jouannet advanced to second; DeGirolamo advanced to third. Begin reached on a fielder's choice. Dunbar reached on a fielder's choice; Begin advanced to second; Jouannet advanced to third; DeGirolamo out at home 2b to c. Carroll grounded out to p. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.***

**Rhode Island College 3rd -** LeMay to p for Fluet. C. Panarelli popped up to ss. A. Perry homered to left center, RBI. C. Bailey doubled to left center. K. Gingell grounded out to 3b. E. Johnson hit by pitch. S. Pokora doubled to left center, RBI; E. Johnson advanced to third; C. Bailey scored. K. Jandreau grounded out to 3b. ***2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 3rd -** J. Lata to rf for K. Gingell. Gardner grounded out to 2b. Coburn grounded out to 3b. Eichstaedt singled up the middle. DeGirolamo grounded out to 3b. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Rhode Island College 4th -** Forgues to 2b for Carroll. M. Jandreau walked. D. Mattoon flied out to lf. M. Jandreau stole second. C. Panarelli walked. A. Gutauskas pinch ran for C. Panarelli. A. Perry doubled to left center, RBI; A. Gutauskas advanced to third; M. Jandreau scored. C. Bailey struck out swinging. J. Lata popped up to ss. ***1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 4th -** C. Panarelli to 1b for A. Gutauskas. Jouannet singled to third base, bunt. Rodier grounded into double play 2b to 1b; Jouannet out on the play. Begin grounded out to ss. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Rhode Island College 5th -** E. Johnson doubled to left center. M. Darling pinch hit for S. Pokora. M. Darling struck out looking. K. Jandreau doubled to left center, RBI; E. Johnson scored. M. Jandreau doubled to right center, RBI; K. Jandreau scored. D. Mattoon flied out

to cf; M. Jandreau advanced to third. C. Panarelli singled to second base, RBI; M. Jandreau scored. A. Perry flied out to cf. ***3 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 5th -** G. Khoury to 3b for C. Bailey. S. Pokora to lf for M. Darling. Dunbar singled to center field. Forgues struck out swinging. Gardner lined into double play p to 1b; Dunbar out on the play. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

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# Springfield Shuts Out Westfield State

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The three senior members of the Westfield State University softball team will be honored following the Owls' final regular season home games on Saturday, April 30, vs. Fitchburg. Photo by www.mortssports.net

Game One Box Game Two Box

SPRINGFIELD - Jen Joseph hurled a two-hit shutout to lead the Springfield College softball team to a 2-0 win over visiting Westfield State in non-conference action at Potter Field on Wednesday, April 27. Fellow freshman Ashley Marino then followed that up with a 5-inning 8-0 shutout, giving SC a sweep over the Owls.

Springfield improves to 26-15 on the year, while Westfield State drops to 18-17.

Game #1 – Springfield 2, Westfield State 0

Joseph was sensational as she struck out eight in seven innings of work while giving up just two hits. Her counterpart, Madeline Tomich, lost for just the fourth time this season as she gave up just two earned runs off four hits. She struck out five, but walked eight Springfield batters.

Kasey Kelly led off the third with a walk, and then stole second to move into scoring position. After Ally Rivelli reached on an error, Kelly moved to third, and would come around to score on a Kelly Blake infield single.

The Pride tacked on an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth after Tess Gagliano blasted a solo shot to lead off the frame to left center. It was a fitting return for Gagliano, who played in her first game since getting injured in the April 11th contest versus Williams.

For the Owls, Brittany Dussault and Cassy Jouannet each tallied hits in the game. Each team finished with three errors in the contest.

Game #2 – Springfield 8, Westfield State 0

For the host Pride, freshman righthander Ashley Marino hurled a five-inning complete-game shutout, winning 8-0. As was the case in the first game with Joseph, Marino pitched a two-hitter as well. Marino is now 13-8 overall, and has won eight of her last 10 decisions.

Meanwhile, the Pride managed nine hits, including two each by Kasey Kelly and Liz Milly. Kelly and Chelsea Bender had two RBI's apiece.

Springfield scored six runs in the third inning, taking advantage of three errors, and added two more in the fourth, allowing the

game to be mercied in the fifth.

For Westfield State, Kerry Alcott was the starter and loser. She gave up eight runs, only two of which were earned, and nine hits. She struck out four and walked four in taking the loss. She is now 4-5.

Springfield will play two more regular-season games at MCLA tomorrow  Westfield returns to action on Saturday when it hosts Fitchburg State in a key conference doubleheader to close out the regular season. Westfield seniors Kristyn Carroll, Alicia Gardner and Cassy Jouannet will be honored following Saturday's second game.

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# Westfield State vs Springfield College (Apr 27, 2011)

- Box score
- Play-by-Play

## Box Score

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Westfield State at Springfield College
## Apr 27, 2011 at Springfield, Mass. (Potter Field)

### Westfield State 0 (18-16)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kristyn Carroll 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Lisa Policelli lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Alicia Gardner 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Brittany Dussault c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Kerin DeGirolamo cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cassy Jouannet 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Ashley Forgues pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jessica Rodier ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Courtney Begin rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Molly Dunbar dp | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Madeline Tomich p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 24 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 18 | 7 | 5 |

### Springfield College 2 (25-15)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kelly 2b | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Rivelli cf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blake ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Novak 1b | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Joyce dp | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Dunn rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clott c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Milly c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gagliano 3b | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Leader lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Joseph p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 22 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 21 | 13 | 10 |

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Score by Innings                   R  H  E
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E - Rodier 2; Begin; Blake; Gagliano 2. DP - Westfield 1; Springfield 1. LOB - Westfield 5; Springfield 10. HR - Gagliano. SH - Policelli. SB - Begin; Kelly 2; Rivelli; Blake.

| **Westfield State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madeline Tomich L,13-4 | 6.0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 30 | 5 | 5 |

| **Springfield College** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph W,11-4 | 7.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 26 | 2 | 10 |

Win - Joseph (11-4). Loss - Tomich (13-4). Save - None.

Umpires -
Start: 3:30pm Time: 1:20 Attendance: 66

## Play-by-Play

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Westfield State at Springfield College
## Apr 27, 2011 at Springfield, Mass. (Potter Field)

Westfield State starters: 5/2b Carroll; 9/lf Policelli; 1/3b Gardner; 19/c Dussault; 8/cf DeGirolamo; 17/1b Jouannet; 14/ss Rodier; 10/rf Begin; 6/dp Dunbar; 3/p Tomich;

Springfield College starters: 4/2b Kelly; 8/cf Rivelli; 3/ss Blake; 7/1b Novak; 17/dp Joyce; 18/rf Dunn; 14/c Clott; 15/3b Gagliano; 20/lf Leader; 12/p Joseph;

**Westfield State 1st -** Carroll grounded out to 2b. Policelli struck out looking. Gardner grounded out to 3b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Springfield College 1st -** Kelly reached on an error by ss. Kelly stole second. Rivelli walked. Blake lined into double play 1b unassisted; Rivelli out on the play. Novak walked.

Joyce grounded out to 2b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 2nd -** Dussault singled to first base. DeGirolamo hit into double play 2b to ss to 1b; Dussault out on the play. Jouannet singled to center field. Rodier struck out looking. ***0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Springfield College 2nd -** Dunn reached on an error by rf, advanced to third. Clott grounded out to p; Dunn out at home 1b to c. Gagliano walked. Leader flied out to lf. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 3rd -** Begin reached on an error by 3b. Dunbar struck out swinging. Begin stole second. Carroll grounded out to 2b; Begin advanced to third. Policelli grounded out to ss. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Springfield College 3rd -** Kelly walked. Kelly stole second. Rivelli reached on an error by ss; Kelly advanced to third. Rivelli stole second. Blake singled to second base, RBI; Rivelli advanced to third; Kelly scored. Blake stole second. Novak walked. Joyce struck out swinging. Dunn reached on a fielder's choice; Novak advanced to second; Blake advanced to third; Rivelli out at home 3b to c. Clott struck out swinging. ***1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 3 LOB.***

**Westfield State 4th -** Gardner grounded out to ss. Dussault struck out swinging. DeGirolamo struck out swinging, out at first c to 1b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Springfield College 4th -** Gagliano walked. Leader fouled out to 3b; Gagliano out at first 3b to 1b. Kelly walked. Rivelli walked; Kelly advanced to second. Blake reached on a fielder's choice; Rivelli out at second 2b to ss. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 5th -** Milly to c for Clott. Jouannet struck out looking. Rodier struck out looking. Begin struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Springfield College 5th -** Novak singled to right field. Joyce reached on a fielder's choice; Novak out at second ss to 2b. Dunn struck out swinging. Milly struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 6th -** Dunbar reached on an error by 3b. Carroll reached on a fielder's choice; Dunbar out at second 3b to ss. Policelli out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; Carroll advanced to second. Gardner lined out to ss. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Springfield College 6th -** Gagliano homered to left center, RBI. Leader flied out to lf. Kelly struck out swinging. Rivelli singled to right field. Blake lined out to 3b. ***1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 7th -** Dussault walked. DeGirolamo lined out to 3b. Jouannet reached on an error by ss; Dussault advanced to second. Forgues pinch ran for Jouannet. Rodier out at first 1b to 2b to 1b; Forgues advanced to second; Dussault advanced to third. Begin grounded out to p. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB

# Westfield State vs Springfield College (Apr 27, 2011)

- Box score
- Play-by-Play

## Box Score

### 2011 Season Statistics
### Westfield State at Springfield College
### Apr 27, 2011 at Springfield, Mass. (Potter Field)

### Westfield State 0 (18-17)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kristyn Carroll 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lisa Policelli lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alicia Gardner 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Brittany Dussault dp | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kerin DeGirolamo cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Cassy Jouannet 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Amber Coburn rf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Jessica Rodier ss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Chloe Frechette c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Kerry Alcott p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 18 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 4 |

### Springfield College 8 (26-15)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kelly 2b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| O'Dea 2b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rivelli cf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Blake ss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Novak 1b | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Joyce dp | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Milly c | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Bender rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gagliano 3b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leader lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Marino p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 23 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 7 |

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Score by Innings              R  H  E
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Springfield College. 006 2X -  8  9  1
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E - Carroll; Policelli; Coburn; Gagliano. LOB - Westfield 4; Springfield 7. 2B - Milly. SB - Rivelli; Novak; Gagliano.

| **Westfield State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kerry Alcott L,4-5 | 4.0 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 27 | 2 | 6 |

| **Springfield College** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marino W,13-8 | 5.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 19 | 5 | 4 |

Win - Marino (13-8). Loss - Alcott (4-5). Save - None. PB - Frechette.

Umpires -
Start: Time: 1:06 Attendance: 60

## Play-by-Play

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Westfield State at Springfield College
## Apr 27, 2011 at Springfield, Mass. (Potter Field)

Westfield State starters: 5/2b Carroll; 9/lf Policelli; 1/3b Gardner; 19/dp Dussault; 8/cf DeGirolamo; 17/1b Jouannet; 2/rf Coburn; 14/ss Rodier; 18/c Frechette; 11/p Alcott;

Springfield College starters: 4/2b Kelly; 8/cf Rivelli; 3/ss Blake; 7/1b Novak; 17/dp Joyce; 16/c Milly; 9/rf Bender; 15/3b Gagliano; 20/lf Leader; 6/p Marino;

**Westfield State 1st -** Carroll struck out swinging. Policelli out at first p to 2b. Gardner walked. Dussault popped up to ss. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Springfield College 1st -** Kelly grounded out to p. Rivelli singled to center field. Rivelli stole second. Blake walked. Novak struck out swinging. Joyce grounded out to 1b unassisted. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 2nd -** DeGirolamo grounded out to 3b. Jouannet popped up to 2b. Coburn singled to right field. Rodier popped up to 1b. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Springfield College 2nd -** Milly struck out swinging. Bender walked. Gagliano reached on a fielder's choice; Bender out at second 3b to 2b. Gagliano stole second. Leader struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 3rd -** Frechette struck out looking. Carroll reached on an error by 3b. Policelli struck out swinging. Gardner grounded out to 2b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Springfield College 3rd -** Kelly singled to center field. Rivelli walked; Kelly advanced to second. Blake grounded out to 2b; Rivelli advanced to second; Kelly advanced to third. Novak reached on an error by rf; Rivelli advanced to third; Kelly scored, unearned. Novak stole second. Novak advanced to third on a passed ball; Rivelli scored on a passed ball, unearned. Joyce struck out swinging. Milly singled to second base, RBI; Novak scored, unearned. Bender reached on an error by 2b; Milly advanced to second. Gagliano walked; Bender advanced to second; Milly advanced to third. Leader singled to shortstop, RBI; Gagliano advanced to second; Bender advanced to third; Milly scored, unearned. Kelly singled to left field, advanced to second on an error by lf, 2 RBI; Leader advanced to third; Gagliano scored, unearned; Bender scored, unearned. Rivelli flied out to cf. ***6 runs, 4 hits, 3 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 4th -** Dussault singled to second base. DeGirolamo struck out looking. Jouannet reached on a fielder's choice; Dussault out at second ss to 2b. Coburn struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Springfield College 4th -** Blake grounded out to ss. Novak flied out to rf. Joyce singled to shortstop. Milly doubled to center field; Joyce advanced to third. Bender singled down the rf line, 2 RBI; Milly scored; Joyce scored. Gagliano singled to pitcher, bunt; Bender advanced to second. Leader grounded out to p. ***2 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 5th -** O'Dea to 2b for Kelly. Rodier lined out to 2b. Frechette struck out swinging. Carroll flied out to lf. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

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# Owls Clinch Share Of MASCAC Softball Title

Westfield Sweeps Fitchburg; Posts Dramatic Victory In Opener

Brittany Dussault charges home after crushing a mammoth game-tying solo home run down the leftfield line with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Game One Box Game Two Box

Game 1 PHOTO GALLERY

Game 2 PHOTO GALLERY SENIOR DAY PHOTOS

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Sophomore catcher Brittany Dussault (Chicopee) blasted a dramatic game-tying homer run in the opener and was 3 for 3 with four RBI in the second game to power Westfield State University to a 6-5, 11-0 softball sweep of Fitchburg State University on Saturday, April 30.

The 6-5 come-from-behind eight-inning first-game victory and the five-inning win in the nightcap clinched a share of the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) regular season championship for the Owls.

Westfield, 20-17 overall, tied for the MASCAC title with Worcester State with a 12-2 record. The Owls, however, earned the No. 1 seed and the right to host next weekend's MASCAC tournament as they swept a twinbill from Worcester State.

The final few innings of the first game with Fitchburg feature several heart-stopping moments. In addition to Dussault's game-tying solo homer with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Westfield turned an unusual triple play to stop a huge Fitchburg scoring threat in the top of the eighth.

Westfield took a 2-0 first-inning lead but Fitchburg scored three runs in the fourth to go ahead 3-2, with the big blow a towering two-run homer by Jillian Moses.

Fitchburg added another run in the top of the seventh to make it 4-2 on a towering solo home run off the bat of Kelly Bourgea.

Down to its final out in the seventh, Westfield rallied for two runs to tie the score. Kerin DeGirolamo belted a triple to right-center field and scored on an outfield throwing error.

Dussault then delivered her dramatic game-tying homer, a towering and mammoth blast down the leftfield line to knot the score at 4-4.

Fitchburg's Megan Breault is tagged out near second base by centerfielder Kerin DeGirolamo for the second out of the Owls' eighth-inning triple play. Photo by www.mortssports.net

Fitchburg scored an unearned run on two Westfield errors in the top of the eighth to take a 5-4 lead and had runners and second and third with no outs. But several baserunning blunders took the Falcons out of a big inning as the Owls executed a crazy 5-2-4-5-8-3 triple play.

Third baseman Alicia Gardner fielded a groundball and the Owls got the runner breaking for home in a rundown for the first out. Westfield recorded the second out on another rundown when the Fitchburg runner at second was tagged out by centetfielder DeGirolamo after running back to second instead of staying at third. The final out was recorded when the batter who had reached safely on the fielder's choice went back to the dugout thinking the inning was over.

Still trailing 5-4, Westfield rallied again in the eighth. Courtney Begin led off with a single to left field and was sacrificed to second by Molly Dunbar. Kristyn Carroll came up with another clutch as she lined a triple to left-center to tie the score. Lisa Policelli drove home Carroll with the game-winning run on a towering walk-off single over the leftfielder.

Westfield out-hit Fitchburg, 14-7. Begin and DiGirolamo were both 3 for 4. Collecting two hits were Carroll, Policelli and Bri Eichstaedt.

Lauren Donell was the only Falcon with multiple hits, going 2 for 4 with two runs scored.

Winning pitcher Madeline Tomich walked five and struck out five. Losing pitcher Nicole Monroe walked two and struck out two.

The second game was anti-climatic as the Owls tacked on four runs in the first inning, two in the third and five in the fourth. Dussault had RBI singles in each of the innings, including a two-run single in the fourth to pace the Owls' 12-hit attack. In addition, Dussault threw out two runners attempting to steal second base in the opener.

DeGirolamo was 3 for 3 with three runs scored and an RBI and Alicia Gardner was 2 for 2 with three runs scored and an RBI. Cassy Jouannet belted a two-run double, a blast off the top of the leftfield fence.

Freshman Kerry Alcott continued her effective pitching for the Owls. She gave up two hits and no walks and struck out two.

Kerin DeGirolamo slides into third base for a seventh-inning triple. She scored on the play as an errant outfield throw went out of play. Photo by www.mortssports.net

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SIDEARM SPORTS

# Fitchburg State vs Westfield State (Apr 30, 2011)

- Box score
- Play-by-Play

## Box Score

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Fitchburg State at Westfield State (Game 1)
## Apr 30, 2011 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

### Fitchburg State 5 (14-22,5-8)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shannon Fitzgerald 3b | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Kelly Bourgea 2b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Jillian Moses ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Lauren Donell rf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Emily Pomer pr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nicole Monroe p | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Megan Breault c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Meghan Jenkins lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Lauren Weitz 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| Nancy Henry ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Alycia McGrail cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Karen Skoczylas ph/cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 26 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 9 | 5 |

### Westfield State 6 (19-17,11-2)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kristyn Carroll 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| Lisa Policelli lf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Alicia Gardner 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Bri Eichstaedt ss | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Kerin DeGirolamo cf | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Brittany Dussault c | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 2 |
| Cassy Jouannet 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Courtney Begin rf | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Molly Dunbar dp | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amber Coburn dp | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Madeline Tomich p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 34 | 6 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 10 | 10 |

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Score by Innings                     R  H  E
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Fitchburg State..... 000 300 11 -  5  7  2
Westfield State..... 200 000 22 -  6 14  2
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Note: 1 out, 1 runner LOB when the game ended.

E - S. Fitzgeral; K. Skoczylas; Eichstaedt; Tomich. DP - Westfield 1. Triple plays - Westfield 1. LOB - Fitchburg 5; Westfield 10. 2B - N. Monroe; Carroll; Policelli. 3B - Carroll; DeGirolamo. HR - K. Bourgea; J. Moses; Dussault. SH - K. Bourgea; M. Breault 2; Policelli; Dunbar. SB - M. Breault 2; M. Jenkins; Policelli. CS - S. Fitzgeral; L. Weitz.

| **Fitchburg State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nicole Monroe L | 7.1 | 14 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 38 | 10 | 10 |

| **Westfield State** | **ip** | **h** | **r** | **er** | **bb** | **so** | **wp** | **bk** | **hbp** | **ibb** | **ab** | **bf** | **fo** | **go** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madeline Tomich W | 8.0 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 34 | 8 | 7 |

Win - Tomich. Loss - N. Monroe. Save - None. WP - N. Monroe.

Umpires - HP: Jeff Van Kirk 1B: Gary Stacy
Start: 12:00 Time: 1:40 Attendance: 100
Weather: Overcast, Windy, 50s

## Play-by-Play

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Fitchburg State at Westfield State (Game 1)
## Apr 30, 2011 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Fitchburg State starters: 11/3b S. Fitzgeral; 10/2b K. Bourgea; 16/ss J. Moses; 14/rf L. Donell; 19/p N. Monroe; 7/c M. Breault; 17/lf M. Jenkins; 9/1b L. Weitz; 5/cf A. McGrail;

Westfield State starters: 5/2b Carroll; 9/lf Policelli; 1/3b Gardner; 20/ss Eichstaedt; 8/cf DeGirolamo; 19/c Dussault; 17/1b Jouannet; 10/rf Begin; 6/dp Dunbar; 3/p Tomich;

**Fitchburg State 1st -** S. Fitzgeral walked. K. Bourgea fouled out to c, bunt. S. Fitzgeral out at second c to ss, caught stealing. J. Moses fouled out to 1b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 1st -** Carroll grounded out to ss. Policelli doubled to right center. Policelli stole third. Gardner struck out swinging. Eichstaedt singled to center field, RBI; Policelli scored. DeGirolamo singled to third base, bunt, advanced to second on the error; Eichstaedt advanced to second, scored on a throwing error by 3b, unearned. Dussault walked. Jouannet lined out to p. ***2 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 2nd -** L. Donell struck out swinging. N. Monroe lined out to rf. M. Breault struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 2nd -** Begin singled to third base. Begin advanced to second on a wild pitch. Dunbar struck out swinging. Carroll walked. Policelli out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; Carroll advanced to second; Begin advanced to third. Gardner grounded out to 2b. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 3rd -** M. Jenkins flied out to cf. L. Weitz walked. A. McGrail struck out swinging; L. Weitz out at second c to ss, caught stealing. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 3rd -** Eichstaedt flied out to rf. DeGirolamo grounded out to 3b. Dussault lined out to rf. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 4th -** S. Fitzgeral walked. K. Bourgea out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; S. Fitzgeral advanced to second. J. Moses homered to left center, 2 RBI; S. Fitzgeral scored. L. Donell singled up the middle. N. Monroe doubled to right field; L. Donell advanced to third. M. Breault singled through the left side, RBI; N. Monroe advanced to third; L. Donell scored. M. Jenkins fouled out to c, bunt. M. Breault stole second. L. Weitz struck out looking. ***3 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 4th -** Jouannet grounded out to 2b. Begin singled to second base. Dunbar flied out to 1b, bunt. Carroll lined out to p. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 5th -** A. McGrail grounded out to 1b unassisted, bunt. S. Fitzgeral popped up to 2b. K. Bourgea walked. J. Moses flied out to c. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 5th -** Policelli grounded out to 3b. Gardner grounded out to ss. Eichstaedt singled to left field. DeGirolamo singled to shortstop; Eichstaedt advanced to second. Dussault reached on a fielder's choice; DeGirolamo advanced to second; Eichstaedt out at second ss unassisted. ***0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 6th -** L. Donell singled to right center. E. Pomer pinch ran for L. Donell. N. Monroe reached on a fielder's choice; E. Pomer out at second ss to 2b. M. Breault out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; N. Monroe advanced to second. M. Jenkins singled to shortstop; N. Monroe advanced to third. N. Henry pinch hit for L. Weitz. M. Jenkins stole second. N.

Henry struck out looking. ***0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Westfield State 6th -** L. Donell to rf for E. Pomer. L. Weitz to 1b for N. Henry. Jouannet popped up to 2b. Begin grounded out to p. Coburn to dp for Dunbar. Coburn singled down the rf line. Dunbar to dp for Coburn. Carroll doubled to right center; Dunbar advanced to third. Policelli popped up to 1b. ***0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 7th -** K. Skoczylas pinch hit for A. McGrail. K. Skoczylas grounded out to 2b. S. Fitzgeral grounded out to 3b. K. Bourgea homered to left field, RBI. J. Moses lined out to 1b. ***1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 7th -** K. Skoczylas to cf. Gardner popped up to 3b. Eichstaedt flied out to lf. DeGirolamo tripled to right center, scored on a throwing error by cf. Dussault homered to left field, RBI. Jouannet fouled out to c. ***2 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 8th -** L. Donell reached on a fielding error by ss. N. Monroe walked; L. Donell advanced to second. M. Breault reached on a throwing error by p, SAC; N. Monroe advanced to second, advanced to third on the error; L. Donell advanced to third, scored on the error, unearned. M. Breault stole second. M. Jenkins hit into triple play 3b to c to 2b to 1b; M. Breault out on the play; N. Monroe out on the play. . ***1 run, 0 hits, 2 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 8th -** Begin singled to left field. Dunbar out at first 3b to 2b, SAC; Begin advanced to second. Carroll tripled to left center, RBI; Begin scored. Policelli singled to left field, RBI; Carroll scored. ***2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

# Fitchburg State vs Westfield State (Apr 30, 2011)

- Box score
- Play-by-Play

## Box Score

### 2011 Season Statistics
### Fitchburg State at Westfield State (Game 2)
### Apr 30, 2011 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

### Fitchburg State 0 (14-23,5-9)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shannon Fitzgerald 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Kelly Bourgea 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Nicole Monroe 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Karen Skoczylas cf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jillian Moses ss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Lauren Donell rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Emily Pomer dp | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jessica Drago dp | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kelly Cummings c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Briana Kewley 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Lauren Weitz ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alycia McGrail lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Meghan Jenkins lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Allison Cousins p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Nancy Henry p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 17 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 8 | 2 |

### Westfield State 11 (20-17,12-2)

| Player | ab | r | h | rbi | bb | so | po | a | lob |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kristyn Carroll 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Lisa Policelli lf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Alicia Gardner 3b | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Bri Eichstaedt ss | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kerin DeGirolamo cf | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Brittany Dussault c | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Cassy Jouannet 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Courtney Begin rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Amber Coburn dp | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kerry Alcott p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Totals | 22 | 11 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 10 | 3 |

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Score by Innings                   R  H  E
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Fitchburg State..... 000 00 -  0  2  3
Westfield State..... 402 5X - 11 12  0
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E - S. Fitzgeral; A. McGrail 2. LOB - Fitchburg 2; Westfield 3. 2B - Carroll; Jouannet; Coburn. SH - Policelli. SB - Policelli; Gardner.

| **Fitchburg State** | ip | h | r | er | bb | so | wp | bk | hbp | ibb | ab | bf | fo | go |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allison Cousins L | 3.0 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 17 | 2 | 5 |
| Nancy Henry | 1.0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 2 |

| **Westfield State** | ip | h | r | er | bb | so | wp | bk | hbp | ibb | ab | bf | fo | go |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kerry Alcott W | 5.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 3 | 10 |

Win - Alcott. Loss - A. Cousins. Save - None. WP - A. Cousins.

Umpires - HP: Gary Stacy 1B: Jeff Van Kirk
Start: 2:08 Time: 1:00 Attendance: 100
Weather: Partly Cloudy, 60

## Play-by-Play

## 2011 Season Statistics
## Fitchburg State at Westfield State (Game 2)
## Apr 30, 2011 at Westfield, Mass. (Alumni Field)

Fitchburg State starters: 11/2b S. Fitzgeral; 10/1b K. Bourgea; 8/cf K. Skoczylas; 16/ss J. Moses; 14/rf L. Donell; 13/dp E. Pomer; 12/c K. Cummings; 18/3b B. Kewley; 5/lf A. McGrail; 1/p A. Cousins;

Westfield State starters: 5/2b Carroll; 9/lf Policelli; 1/3b Gardner; 20/ss Eichstaedt; 8/cf DeGirolamo; 19/c Dussault; 17/1b Jouannet; 10/rf Begin; 2/dp Coburn; 11/p Alcott;

**Fitchburg State 1st -** S. Fitzgeral grounded out to p. K. Bourgea lined out to 2b. K.

Skoczylas singled down the rf line. J. Moses grounded out to ss. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 1st -** Carroll doubled to left field. Policelli singled to third base, bunt; Carroll advanced to third. Policelli stole second. Gardner walked. Eichstaedt reached on a fielder's choice; Gardner advanced to second; Policelli advanced to third; Carroll out at home 3b to c. DeGirolamo singled to right field, RBI; Eichstaedt advanced to second; Gardner advanced to third; Policelli scored. Dussault singled to left field, RBI; DeGirolamo advanced to second, scored on a fielding error by lf, unearned; Eichstaedt advanced to third, scored on a fielding error by lf, unearned; Gardner scored. Dussault advanced to second. Dussault advanced to third on a wild pitch. Jouannet popped up to 3b. Begin grounded out to p. ***4 runs, 4 hits, 2 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 2nd -** L. Donell grounded out to p. E. Pomer grounded out to p. K. Cummings singled to center field. B. Kewley struck out looking. ***0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Westfield State 2nd -** N. Monroe to 1b for K. Bourgea. M. Jenkins to lf for A. McGrail. Coburn struck out looking. Carroll flied out to cf. Policelli grounded out to ss. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 3rd -** M. Jenkins flied out to lf. S. Fitzgeral grounded out to 3b. N. Monroe struck out swinging. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 3rd -** Gardner singled up the middle. Eichstaedt walked; Gardner advanced to second. DeGirolamo singled to third base, bunt; Eichstaedt advanced to second; Gardner advanced to third. DeGirolamo advanced to third on a throwing error by 2b; Eichstaedt out at second 1b to 2b; Gardner scored. Dussault singled through the left side, RBI; DeGirolamo scored, unearned. Jouannet reached on a fielder's choice; Dussault out at second ss to 2b. Begin grounded out to 2b. ***2 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 4th -** K. Skoczylas grounded out to p. J. Moses grounded out to ss. L. Donell flied out to cf. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

**Westfield State 4th -** N. Henry to p for A. Cousins. Coburn doubled down the rf line. Carroll flied out to lf. Policelli grounded out to p, SAC; Coburn advanced to third. Gardner singled down the lf line, RBI; Coburn scored. Gardner stole second. Eichstaedt walked. DeGirolamo singled to third base, bunt; Eichstaedt advanced to second; Gardner advanced to third. Dussault singled up the middle, 2 RBI, advanced to second on the throw; DeGirolamo advanced to third; Eichstaedt scored; Gardner scored. Jouannet doubled to left center, 2 RBI; Dussault scored; DeGirolamo scored. Begin grounded out to p, bunt. ***5 runs, 5 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.***

**Fitchburg State 5th -** J. Drago to dp for E. Pomer. J. Drago grounded out to 2b. K. Cummings grounded out to 2b. No play. L. Weitz pinch hit for B. Kewley. L. Weitz grounded out to 2b. ***0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.***

WESTFIELD ATHLETICS

# Westfield Hosts MASCAC Softball Championships

Tournament Bracket

Buzzards Bay, Mass.— Westfield State University has earned the top seed in the 2011 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Softball Championships, which begin with first round play on Thursday, May 5th and continue in a double elimination format on both Saturday and Sunday, May 7th and 8th.

Admission will be charged Saturday and Sunday. A tournament pass will cost $5 for adults and $3 for senior citizens and will cover both days. Students with a college ID will not be charged admission as well as children under 18 years of age.

Westfield State will host fourth-seeded Bridgewater State University in one first round contest on Thursday afternoon at Alumni Field in Westfield, Mass. beginning at 3:30 p.m. EDT, while second-seeded Worcester State University will host third-seeded Salem State University in the other first round contest on Thursday afternoon at Rockwood Park in Worcester, Mass. beginning at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

The tournament continues on Saturday morning at Westfield State's Alumni Field in a double elimination format beginning at 11:00 a.m. EDT, with the championship round set for Sunday afternoon beginning at Noon, as the 2011 MASCAC champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III Softball Championships.

Westfield State seniors, left to right: Alicia Gardner, Cassy Jouannet, Kristyn Carroll.

Head Coach Lou Ann Simchak's Owls shared the 2011 MASCAC regular season crown with Worcester State with an 12-2 league mark (20-17 overall), but Westfield State earned the top seed in the tournament by winning a conference tie-breaker as the Owls swept the Lancers 3-0 and 10-1 during the regular season.

Sophomore Brittany Dussault (Chicopee, Mass.) leads the way at the plate for the Owls with a .369 batting average that include five extra-base hits and 20 RBI, while senior Kristyn Carroll (Brockton, Mass.) follows at .341 with 13 doubles and 10 RBI. Junior Madeline Tomich (Alford, Mass.) has posted a 14-4 mark inside the circle for Westfield State with a 1.49 ERA and 120 strikeouts in 117 1/3 innings to date.

Worcester State shared the MASCAC regular season title under the guidance of Head Coach Jennifer Kapenas by winning 12 of 14 league outings and posting an overall slate of 25-9. The Lancers are led at the plate and on the mound by senior Michaella Mahoney (Shrewsbury, Mass.), who is hitting .430 with six homers and 35 RBI while posting a 13-2 mark with a 1.28 earned run average to go with 104 strikeouts in 98 2/3 innings. Sophomore Kylene Pease (Ashland, Mass.) added a .406 batting average for Worcester State with six doubles and 21 RBI.

Salem State claimed the third seed in this year's MASCAC Championships with an 8-6 league slate under Head Coach Leanne Harris, as the Vikings finished the regular season at 23-17 overall and are led offensively by senior Taylor Orlando (Danvers, Mass.), who is hitting at a .388 clip with 10 homers and 27 RBI, and junior Michelle Grifoni (Peabody, Mass.), who is batting .327 with 14 doubles and 20 RBI. Freshman Lauren DiCredico (Tewksbury, Mass.) is 11-4 inside the circle for Salem State with 75 strikeouts in 94 2/3 innings.

Bridgewater State rounds out the 2011 MASCAC championship field, as Head Coach Lori Salvia led the Bears to an 8-6 conference mark and 17 regular season victories. Sophomore Jennifer Shaw (Brockton, Mass.) leads the way at the plate with a .400 batting average that includes eight homers and 31 RBI, while junior Michaela Ferreira (Fall River, Mass.) follows at .372 with five doubles and 23 RBI. Sophomore Meghan Dunn (Colchester, Conn.) has posted an 11-7 mark with a 2.82 earned run average

and 86 strikeouts for Bridgewater State to date.

Salem State captured the 2010 MASCAC Softball Championship with a 6-2 win over Westfield State in the title game.

**2011 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Softball Championships**
(Double Elimination Format)

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH - FIRST ROUND
Game #1: #4 Bridgewater State (17-21, 8-6) at #1 Westfield State (20-17, 12-2) 3:30 pm
Game #2: #3 Salem State (23-17, 8-6) at #2 Worcester State (25-9, 12-2) 5:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH - SEMI-FINALS (AT ALUMNI FIELD, WESTFIELD, MASS.)
Game #3: Loser Game #1 vs. Loser Game #2 11:00 am
Game #4: Winner Game #1 vs. Winner Game #2 1:00 pm
Game #5: Winner Game #3 vs. Loser Game #4 3:00 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH - CHAMPIONSHIP (AT ALUMNI FIELD, WESTFIELD, MASS.)
Game #6: Winner Game #4 vs. Winner Game #5 Noon
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Alicia Gardner (Athol, Mass.), a 2011 graduate of Westfield State University, has been nominated for the 2011 NCAA Woman of the Year Award by the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC).

The NCAA Woman of the Year Award honors graduating student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership. The award has been given annually since 1991.

Gardner was recently named the 2011 Westfield State University Female Athlete of the Year. The two-sport standout was a softball four-time all-conference infielder, the MASCAC player of the year in 2010, and the MASCAC rookie of the year in 2008. She was an All-New England and All-ECAC first-team all-star during her junior season.

Gardner owns a .356 career batting average and ranks highly in the following career school record categories: at bats (2nd, 419), hits (3rd, 149), doubles (5th, 23), triples (2nd, 17), RBI (5th, 76), and walks (1st, 67).

In field hockey Gardner was a first-team all-conference selection in 2007 and 2010 and selected the team's most outstanding contributor in 2009. She holds the school record with 28 assists and ranks seventh on the university's all-time scoring list with 60 points.

Gardner also excelled academically with a 3.84 cumulative grade point average, majoring in business management with a marketing concentration. She received the Westfield State academic achievement award in management in 2011 and was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Beta Delta Honor Societies. During his four years at Westfield she was a recipient of the Paul Tsongas and John and Abigail Adams MCAS scholarships. In 2010 she was selected to the ESPN the Magazine District 1 All-Academic softball first team.

Gardner's service to the university and community were also commendable. She worked full time during the summer of 2009 as an unpaid volunteer in the Westfield State athletics department. She served as a volunteer coach for the youth field hockey program in her hometown of Athol and was a softball clinician for four months at Winchester (Mass.) High School.

During the summer of 2010, Gardner was a paid intern at Hamilton Sundstrand in Windsor Locks, Conn. This past academic year she tutored Westfield State business management majors 10 hours per week.

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2010-2011

# Westfield softball brings experience back to the diamor

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Owls softball team had a great season last year, finishing with a record of 26-13 overall and 11-3 in conference play.

The Owls were looking forward to making a run in the MASCAC tournament but the season abruptly finished when the Owls lost two straight games to Salem State in the

Returning from last year's squad are five all conference players. Two of these players were MASAC players of year at their positions.

Senior third baseman Alicia Gardner returns as does the MASCAC pitcher of the year, flamethrower Madeline Tomich.

The Owls recently finished a nine game stretch of games during spring break week in which they played teams down in Florida

with their power, as the team has only hit one home run so far this season, but the team has a

harder to get in softball as base runner rules are different than in baseball. Players can only lead

for .462 and Carroll lea team in hits with 12.

One area in whi Lady Owls must improve in the defensive side. The has already committed 21 on the season and need down on that number i want to stay in games.

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# WSU softball pulls off extra inning comeback on Senior Day

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday, April 30, three Westfield seniors played their last regular season game as Kristyn Carroll, Cassy Jouannet and Alicia Gardner took field for a regular season game at WSU for the final time.

But it was the heroics of a sophomore catcher who helped the Lady Owls come back to beat Fitchburg State 6-5 in the first game of a double header.

Catcher Brittany Dussault hit a two run bomb with two outs in the seventh inning to tie the game at four all. As coach Lou Ann Simchak put it, "for a sophomore catcher to step up and be able to handle the pressure of that situation was amazing."

Having probably the best pitcher in the MASCAC also helped as Madeline Tomich threw eight innings and kept the Lady Falcons hitters confused as she struck out five batter on the day.

Though Tomich struggled a little in the game, once again Simchak had confidence in her star pitcher. "She is the best pitcher in the league. Sometimes players have bad days, but life goes on.

"You have to get over it and Madeline was able to put some of her troubles she had in the beginning of the game behind and not let that get her down."

In the top of the eighth inning, Fitchburg scored a run to bring the score to 5-4. With runners on second and third and no outs, the Lady Owls needed a big play to keep the deficit at one.

What happened next surely qualifies as getting the job done as the Owls were able to pull off a 5-2-4-5-8-3 triple play.

Yes, that is correct a triple play. With the momentum carried over from the great defensive play, Westfield came up to bat ready to win the game. Sophomore Courtney Begin led off the inning with a single to left field. After moving to second on a sacrifice, Kristyn Carroll lined triple to left-center to bring in Begin to tie the score.

Finally, Lisa Policelli drove home Carroll with the game winning run on a walk off single. After the game, Simchak was very proud of her team's refusal to quit.

"I am so proud of my team, they had no quit in them and they kept on fighting no matter what happened. All year they showed no quit and their perseverance was on display today."

Begin had a huge game for the Owls as she had three hits on the day.

In the second game of the double-header, the Owls easily defeated the Falcons 11-0 in five innings. Westfield had 12 hits in the game with Dussault having three of them.

In addition, Kerin DeGirolamo was 3-3 with three runs scored and an RBI and Alicia Gardner was 2-2 with three runs scored and an RBI. That was all the run support Kerry Alcott needed as she only allowed two hits in the game.

With the win, the Owls finished the regular season 20-17 and clinched the first seed in the MASCAC tournament.

However, the day was all about the three seniors who played their last regular season game. As Simchak put it, "they are great leaders and are some amazing girls."

2010-2011

# Westfield State earns top seeds

BUZZARDS BAY— Westfield State University has earned the top seed in the 2011 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Championships, which begin with first round play on Thursday, May 5th and continue in a double elimination format on both Saturday and Sunday, May 7th and 8th.

Westfield State will host fourth-seeded Salem State University in one first round contest on Thursday afternoon at Alumni Field in Westfield, Mass. beginning at 3:00 p.m. EDT, while second-seeded Worcester State University will host third-seeded Bridgewater State University in the other first round contest on Thursday evening at Tivnan Field at Lake Park in Worcester, Mass. beginning at 7:00 p.m. EDT. The tournament continues on Saturday morning at Westfield State's Alumni Field in a double elimination format beginning at 9:30 a.m. EDT, with the championship round set for Sunday afternoon beginning at Noon EDT, as the 2011 MASCAC champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III Baseball Championships.

Head Coach Ray Arra's Owls claimed the MASCAC regular season championship for the second straight season by winning 11 of 14 league contests, as Westfield State notched 19 victories during regular season action. Sophomore Andrew Medeiros (Acushnet, Mass.) leads the Owls at the plate with a .355 batting average that includes 39 hits, five homers and 23 RBI, while junior Josh Blair (Westfield, Mass.) follows at a .336 clip that features six doubles and 21 RBI. Junior Roman Mondalto (Amesbury, Mass.) posted a 5-1 mark on the mound for Westfield State with a 2.27 earned run average, fanning 43 in 47 2/3 innings of work to date.

Worcester State brings an overall mark of 22-12 into postseason play along with a 9-5 MASCAC slate under Head Coach Dr. Dirk Baker, as the Lancers are led offensively by senior Corey McDonald (Hudson, Mass.), who is hitting at a .483 clip with 18 extra base hits and 24 RBI, while fellow senior Nick Fluegge (Ware, Mass.) follows at .374 with eight homers and 34 RBI. Senior Chad Kasik (Dudley, Mass.) has notched a 5-2 mark on the hill for Worcester State with a 2.94 ERA and 45 strikeouts in 49 innings to date.

Bridgewater State claimed the third seed in this year's MASCAC Championships with a 9-5 league slate under Head Coach Rick Smith, as the Bears stand at 20-14 overall and are led at the plate by juniors Joshua Ferreira (Fall River, Mass.) and Ian Williams (Taunton, Mass.), who have combined for 22 extra base hits and 43 RBI while batting posting respective batting averages of .366 and .360. Junior Corey Batista (Fall River, Mass.) has been the top hurler for Bridgewater State this spring with a 5-2 mark and a league-leading 1.21 ERA with 60 strikeouts in 52 innings.

**SOFTBALL IS TOPS TOO:** Westfield State University has earned the top seed in the 2011 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Softball Championships, which begin with first round play on Thursday, May 5th and continue in a double elimination format on both Saturday and Sunday, May 7th and 8th.

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2010 - 2011

# A slippery slide

*Agawam scores one of 10 runs in the first inning as Westfield catcher Liz Gale awaits the throw at home plate Wednesday. The game was postponed as a steady rain fell at Westfield High School. See high school roundup, Page 9.* (Photo by Frederick Gore)

2010-2011

# WSU softball coach Ann Simchak retires

## *Former Bomber Blair lifts Owls*

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University recently announced the resignation of Lou Ann Simchak as its softball head coach.

Simchak retires after coaching the Westfield State softball squad for the past 13 years, compiling an overall record of 225-224-2. She led the Owls to a 114-73 record and five consecutive 20-win seasons during the past five years, including a school record 26 victories in 2010.

During her tenure Westfield was the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) regular season co-champions in 2009, 2010 and 2011. She also guided the Owls to four regular season runner-up finishes and was selected MASCAC softball coach of the year four times.

"I would like to thank Lou Ann for her hard word in developing Westfield State into a highly competitive and successful softball program," said Westfield State athletics director Richard Lenfest.

Simchak, a 1977 Westfield State graduate and 2001 Hall of Fame inductee, will remain employed at Westfield State as coordinator of the university's intramurals and recreation program.

**BLAIR A HIT:** Westfield State University junior first baseman Josh Blair of Westfield (Westfield HS) was a standout first baseman for the Owls this past season.

Blair ranked second on the team with a .368 batting average and a .429 on-base percentage. He led the team in hits (53), doubles (11) and RBI (31). He also slugged three home runs and one triple.

The Owls finished with a 22-22 overall record and captured the MASCAC regular season championship with an 11-3 record.

**FRESHMAN TRACKS DOWN TOP 10 FINISH:** Westfield State University freshman Targie Gervais (Springfield/Central HS) earned All-America honors by placing seventh in the 100-meter dash at the NCAA Division III national outdoor track and field championships at Ohio Wesleyan University on May 28.

Gervais - the only freshman in the 100-meter finals field of eight - was clocked in 12.25 to cap her sensational rookie season in which she shattered five school sprint records.

2010-2011

# Westfield baseball ready for home schedule after Florida trip

**Rob Donoghue**
Sports Editor

Following a trip to Florida during spring break that saw Westfield State's baseball team finish 5-7, the Owls are set to begin play back in Massachusetts this week and start their MASCAC schedule in a little over a week.

The Owls are hoping to take home another MASCAC title this year coming off a season that saw the team finish 30-11, winning the MASCAC regular season championship and earning an at-large berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament before falling to Wheaton in the regional tournament.

Ranked third in the MASCAC pre-season coaches poll, Westfield's annual season-opening trip to Florida was highlighted by a double-header sweep of UMass Boston and wins over Becker College, Rhode Island College and Roger Williams.

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Coach Ray Arra talks to his team after a game in Florida.

The Owls began the trip by splitting a double-header with Becker on March 12. Westfield blew a 2-1 lead in the first game and lost by a score of 5-3 but exploded offensively in the second game and won by a score of 18-2.

The second game featured a monster homerun by junior shortstop Matt Kelly and a solid pitching performance from senior Nick Noblit in his first start of the season.

Westfield won both games over UMass Boston on March 15 by 5-4 scores. The second game of the double-header was highlighted by a game-tying two-run homerun by Andrew Medeiros in the seventh inning that sent the game into extra innings.

Medeiros was the clear hero of the game after later scoring the winning run for the Owls on a wild pitch in the ninth inning.

Kelly has been the Owls best hitter on the young season with a team leading 14 hits (.333 batting average) and eight RBIs.

Senior outfielder Jeff Ackerman and sophomore outfielder Alex Cloutier are tied for second on the team with 13 hits apiece. Cloutier leads the Owls with nine RBIs. Sophomore Tim Heintz has six hits (.400 batting average) and a team leading four steals in five games this season.

Junior Aaron Messier has made two starts for Westfield and holds a 1-0 record and a 3.09 ERA with a team leading 11.2 innings pitched.

Noblit is 1-0 and leads the Owls with 13 strikeouts in two starts while junior Roman Mondalto is 1-0 with 10 strikeouts in two starts.

Weather has caused the Owls first games back in Massachusetts to be postponed and they are scheduled to make up their first home game of the season against Amherst College today, March 25.

Westfield will hope the weather will continue to improve and is set to play another home game next Wednesday, March 30 against Castleton State at 3:30 p.m.

2010-2011

# Westfield sweeps Bridgewater behind strong pitching

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday during spring weekend, Westfield State baseball fans got to watch a great pregame performance that led to an amazing concert.

In a two game sweep of the Bridgewater State Bears, the Owls won both games by shutout scores of 6-0 and 2-0.

In the first game, the Owls were helped by a strong pitching performance from Roman Mondalto, who struck out five hitters and only allowed four hits in the seven inning game.

The win was Mondalto's third win of the season and

Owls with a single in the first inning.

Not to be outshined by Cloutier and Mondalto, sophomore Kevin Greene hit his first home run of the season over the scoreboard in right field.

That was all the run support Mondalto needed as he easily handled the rest of the Bears hitters en route to the victory.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Coach Arra went to lefty sophomore Bret Siflinger.

Siflinger also pitched a complete game shutout with a five hit, seven strikeout performance.

The win was Siflinger's second win of the season. Bret

of the support that his team gave him after the game.

"Our defense was outstanding so it was easy.

trouble late in the game, Siflinger was able to rally back and record a ground ball out to escape a bases loaded rally from

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Roman Mondalto pitched a complete game shutout for the Owls on Saturday.

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"I wasn't really thinking any differently then I had been the innings before," Siflinger said. "I was just a little more focused on each individual pitch.

"In that situation, I had to make sure I hit the spot, especially with that last kid. He was the best hitter on their team, and if I missed my spot it would have been a tie game or worse.

"Fortunately, that didn't happen and the Owls were able to win the game.

Similar to the first game, Cloutier had another crucial RBI for the Owls as he hit a double to right center field to bring in Jeff Ackerman, who was walked earlier in the inning.

With the sweep the Owls

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# WSU snaps 5-game losing streak

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University scored four runs in the both the first and second innings in coasting to a 10-0 baseball victory over Elms College on Monday.

The non-conference victory snapped a five-game losing streak for the 6-10 Owls. Elms is 6-8.

Westfield collected six hits — all in the first two innings — off losing pitcher Derek Leal, who threw four complete innings, walking eight and hitting two batters.

The Owls scored four runs on four hits in the first inning, including an RBI double by hot-hitting sophomore Josh Blair (Westfield High School) to begin the scoring onslaught. Matt Kelly and Andrew Medeiros followed with runscoring singles and Kyle Colesanti had a sacrifice fly for his first of three RBI.

Blair rapped an RBI single to begin the second-inning uprising and Jeff Ackerman lined a two-run single to centerfield. Colesanti drove in a run on a fielder's choice to give Westfield its early 8-0 lead.

The Owls tacked on their final two runs in the sixth on an RBI double by Colesanti and a Sean Geary sacrifice fly.

Westfield outhit Elms, 10-7, with Blair and Kelly collecting half the hits. Blair was 3 for 4 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Kelly was 2 for 4.

Sophomore Bret Siflinger pitched seven innings for the victory. He allowed four hits and no walks and struck out six. Pitching an inning of relief were Curt Everett (no walks) and Nick Noblit (no walks, two Ks).

2010 - 2011

# Blair helps WSU bash Salem

WESTFIELD, Mass. — Josh Blair was 4 for 4 with a double, three runs scored and two RBI and Matt Kelly was 3 for 5 with two doubles and two RBI to lead Westfield State University to a 12-3 victory over Salem State University in the first round of the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) baseball tournament championships on Thursday.

Westfield, 20-20 overall and the No. 1 seed, advances to the winner's bracket of the four-team double elimination tournament and will host either No. 2 seed Worcester or No. 3 seed Bridgewater on Saturday at 12:30. All remaining tournament games will be played Saturday and Sunday at Westfield.

The other first round game between Worcester and Bridgewater is being played Thursday night in Worcester with a 7 p.m. opening pitch. Salem, 16-19, will play in Saturday's loser's bracket game at Westfield with a scheduled start time of 9:30 a.m.

The Owls belted 17 hits, includ-

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# Blair leads WSU

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Amherst College rallied from a 5-0 second-inning deficit to defeat Westfield State University, 7-5, in a non-conference baseball game on Friday.

Amherst improved its record to 7-4 while Westfield dropped to 5-9 with its fourth straight setback.

The Owls scored two runs in the first inning and three in the second for their 5-0 lead. But they were held to two hits over the final seven innings as Amherst starter Max McKenna and reliever Ryan Healy pitched effectively.

Westfield scored two unearned runs with the aid of two Amherst errors in its first at bat. Sophomore Josh Blair (Westfield) plated the first run with a sacrifice fly and Alex Cloutier clubbed an RBI double.

The Owls scored three runs on three hits and a walk in the second. Jimmy Leavitt laced a two-out RBI single to rightfield and Blair blasted a two-run triple. Blair led the Owls at the plate, going 2 for 3 with three RBI.

Another Westfield product, former Saint Mary High School ace Nick Noblit, was one of five different Westfield State pitchers to take the mound in last Thursday's 4-1 loss to Springfield College. Noblit (2 Ks, 3 BBs) yielded two unearned runs in four innings.

**FORMER BOMBER STRIKES AGAIN:** Elms College junior softball pitcher Courtney Hampton, a former Westfield High star, pitched a complete game against Westfield State last week.

Hampton fired four shutout innings in Elms' 2-1 win, her third of the season to improve to 3-3.

2010-2011

# WSU claims league crown

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University captured the Massachusetts State Collegiate Conference (MASCAC) regular season baseball championship by sweeping MCLA, 5-3, 8-3, on Tuesday.

Under the guidance of veteran coach Ray Arra, the Owls captured their fourth MASCAC regular season championship in the past five years. Westfield is 18-16 overall and 11-1 in the MASCAC with two conference games remaining, a Senior Day twinbill scheduled for Saturday, April 30, when it hosts Fitchburg State.

Westfield will host the four-team MASCAC postseason tournament on May 5-7-8.

The Owls again received steady pitching defense (1 error in two games) in posting their doubleheader sweep of the Trailblazers. The opener went an extra frame as the Owls prevailed, 5-3 in eight innings. In the nightcap. Westfield snapped a 1-1 deadlock by scoring three runs in both the fourth and fifth innings, with the big blow a three-run homer by Kevin Greene.

Westfield and MCLA traded runs in the opener. Both teams scored a run in the first inning (MCLA was the designated home team). Josh Blair's RBI double gave the Owls a 2-1 lead, but MCLA scored in the bottom of the third on solo home run by Osiris Mendez.

Westfield manufactured a run in the fourth to take a 3-2 lead. Pete Hogan led off with a walk and Greene dropped a bunt single. Medeiros sacrificed the runners to

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# Westfield State rallies, gets even

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University rallied from an early 4-0 deficit to defeat Curry College, 8-5, in a non-conference baseball game Sunday.

Westfield evens its record at 19-19; Curry is 17-22.

Curry jumped out to a 4-0 lead, scoring three runs in the first inning and a run in the second. Westfield cut the lead in half by scoring twice in the home half of the second on an RBI double by Pete Hogan and an RBI groundout by Kevin Greene.

The Owls scored another run in the third to make it 4-3. Josh Blair doubled, advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on Tim Heintz's sacrifice fly.

Westfield took the lead for good with a three-run uprising in the fourth. Greene tied the score with an RBI single and two more runs scored on an infield throwing error.

Curry closed within a run, 6-5, in the fifth, scoring an unearned run on a Matt Rodriguez's RBI single. The Owls tacked on two insurance in the seventh, including an RBI single by Dale Crispin.

The Owls out-hit the Colonels, 11-10. Blair laced a double and single and Andrew Medeiros and Jeff Ackerman were both 2 for 4.

Brad Hawn (3 for 5, RBI) and Matt Drew (2 for 3) collected half of Curry's hits.

Sean Keane, one of seven Westfield pitchers, was credited with the pitching victory. Nick Noblit struck out two in the ninth inning to earn the save. Owl hurlers combined for eight strikeouts and issued only one walk. Kevin Zyrkowski fanned four in two complete innings.

2010-2011

# Bridgewater State blasts WSU in championship

WESTFIELD — Tournament MVP Joshua Ferreira pitched a complete game and was 3 for 6 with two doubles and three RBI, and Ian Williams was 3 for 6 with a grand slam home run, double and eight RBI to power Bridgewater State University to a 20-6 victory over Westfield State University in the MASCAC championship game on Sunday.

Bridgewater, 23-15, will be making its 13th appearance in the NCAA Tournament and its first since 2004. Also, the Bears have won four MASCAC tournament titles and their first since 2004.

Westfield, the MASCAC regular season champion, finishes with a 22-22 record. The Owls battled through the loser's bracket and forced a deciding game with a 6-2 victory over Bridgewater earlier Sunday. But 39 innings played in two days was too much for the Owls.

Westfield actually led Bridgewater in the winner-take-all game, 4-0, after three innings. But the Bears erupted for eight runs on seven hits in the fourth frame to take control. Williams had one of his eight RBI in the inning on a run-scoring single. Ferreira delivered the game-winning hit, a two-run double down the rightfield line to make it 6-4.

The Bears scored five more runs in the sixth to take a 13-4 lead, with the big blow Wiliams' grand slam homer to left field. Bridgewater also scored five runs in the seventh when Williams pounded a two-run double. His eighth RBI came on an infield groundout in the eighth.

The Bears blasted 21 hits off seven Owl pitchers. Tyler Dennis was 4 for 5 with a double and three RBI and Keane Costa was 3 for 6 with a double and two RBI.

Ferreira allowed 10 hits and two walks and struck out 10 in going the distance.

Westfield leadoff batter Kevin Greene was 2 for 5 with a triple and two runs scored. Jeff Ackerman was 2 for 4 with two RBI and hot-hitting Josh Blair was 2 for 5 with two runs scored.

Josh Blair, of Westfield hit a 3-run homer in Westfield State's 8-7 win over Bridgewater State and went 3-for-5 with two doubles and two RBIs to help the lead the Owls past Bridgewater State, 6-2.

### SOFTBALL

**Worcester State 2, WSU 1**

Tournament MVP Michaella Mahoney pitched a three-hitter and Aimee Lamoreaux lined a two-run triple to lead Worcester State University to a 2-1 victory over Westfield State University in the championship game of the MASCAC softball tournament.

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# Westfield State claims Howard C. Smith Cup

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass. - Westfield State University has claimed the 2010-11 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Howard C. Smith Cup that is awarded annually to the member institution which compiles the most points based on the placement of each of its programs competing in the 15 league championship sports.

The Smith Cup is named in honor of former Massachusetts State College Trustee Howard C. Smith, who in 1970, urged the athletic directors of the eight State Colleges to hold a series of meetings to discuss the possibility of forming an intercollegiate conference. In June of 1971, Smith's dream became a reality as an affirmative agreement was reached and the MASCAC was created.

Westfield State captured 80.8 percent (129.33 points) of a possible 160 points to runner-up Bridgewater State University, which claimed

Athletics, I am proud and honored to accept the 2010-11 Smith Cup," Westfield State Director of Athletics Dick Lenfest said of this year's honor. "This award is very special for our student-athletes and represents the overall success of our program in the MASCAC, and it also represents the hard work, commitment and teamwork of our coaches, student-athletes, staff and administration."

"I would also like to congratulate (Director of Athletics) John Harper and Bridgewater State on another outstanding year," Lenfest continued. "Bridgewater State Athletics is a first class program, and our teams respect and enjoy the healthy rivlary that exists between our two schools."

Westfield State has now won outright or shared the Smith Cup 10 times. Salem State has won or shared 19 of the 39 Smith Cups overall, while Bridgewater State has won or shared 11 Smith Cup crowns

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# Quidditch the newest sweeping sensation at Westfield State

**Alexandra Davy**
Voice Reporter

Members of the Westfield Quidditch club team traveled to UMass last Saturday.

On Saturday, October 22, the newly formed Westfield State University club Qudditch team participated in its first ever tournament. Though the players may not soar around in the air like in the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling, the action is just as intense with many of the same rules.

"The response to the new team has been almost overwhelming," says team co-captain Corinne Glennie, a senior at WSU. "We've been working really hard to get us 'off the ground' and finally we've managed to do just that."

Much like in the book series, Qudditch is played with teams running around with broomsticks between their legs, and with only one hand allowed to pass the Quaffle (the point scoring volleyball) and the Bludgers (three kick balls used to "stun" the other teams' members). On the field at one time are three Chasers who try to get the Quaffle through the opposing teams' three hoops set up at the opposite end of the field. There are also two Beaters, who use the Bludgers to stop opposite team members from getting very far with the Quaffle.

When hit with a Bludger, the player has to stop whatever they are doing (including dropping the Quaffle if they have it) and dismount their broom, running back to their team's goal posts and circling before they can resume play. This is meant to simulate falling off one's broom.

Beaters can also use the Bludgers to defend their Chasers or Seekers as they run around the field trying to get points. Around the goal post hovers the Keeper, who acts as a goalie and tries to keep the opposing team from scoring on their hoops. The Keeper can also run into the field and act as a fourth Chaser, but this leaves the goal vulnerable and is not usually a favored task.

The Snitch in this Muggle version of the game is not a small golden ball with wings but instead a person from a team that is not playing who dresses all in yellow.

A yellow sock with a tennis ball hangs out of their back pocket and that is the item that the Seekers go for. Other than the Snitch, the Seekers mostly get to sit back and call warnings to their teammates. But the Seeker is by no way the easiest position on the team.

You see, the Snitch has next to no rules as to what it must do, other than keep the players from catching the tennis ball. Other teams' Snitches who are not playing can come on from off the field to distract or even attack the Seeker when the true Snitch appears.

Released at the beginning of the game when no one is looking, the Snitch doesn't return to the field until 10 or 15 minutes into the game, and when it does it is rarely ever in a conventional manner.

There have been reports of Snitches on bicycles, skateboards and roller blades in other games. If the Snitch needs a break, he or she gets one, and the Seeker must wait. If the Snitch falls down, the Seeker must give them a minute to get up and get moving again.

On Saturday, one of the Snitches appeared on the roof of a nearby building, teasing the Seekers in a yellow tutu. The Snitch is definitely the comedic aspect to the game.

Not all of the Westfield team members, around 20 in total, were able to go on the trip to UMass Amherst this past weekend, but the 12 students who did played their first game as the Westfield State University Owls. Rotating with seven players on the field at a time, Westfield faced well known Quidditch schools including Boston University, Emerson College and UMass Amherst.

Unfortunately, Westfield's uniforms were not in yet, so the Owls had to make do with blue Super Fan t-shirts. The field was muddy and slippery and the weather was cold, but for their first game Westfield made quite an impact.

The first three games Westfield played against the other teams were incredibly thrilling to watch, and though Westfield was unable to score a single goal, all the other well-experienced and practiced teams were impressed with how well the Owls worked together to move the Quaffle across the field, tackle out opposing team members, effectively use the Bludgers against the other team and the team's persistence despite the slippery and wet conditions. One of Westfield's Seekers, sophomore Wilson Belbin, even got called to the announcer's podium in the first game to commemorate his intense dedication to trying to catch the particularly illusive Snitch.

The first three games were just for warming up and feeling out the other teams though, and soon the tournament started, beginning with the two first place teams, Emerson and Boston University, facing each other. The match was as intense as a Super Bowl game and Boston University rolled (literally) into first by ten points when their Seeker caught the Snitch for 30 points.

Then came Westfield's turn to battle UMass Amherst for third place. The players took the field tired, sore and covered with mud, but still buzzing with excitement for the game.

Senior co-captains Corinne Glennie and Katelyn Anderstrom took the field as Seeker and Chaser respectively and the teams launched into the final game of the day.

Thanks to freshman Jim Madigan, Westfield University scored its first ever goal in a formal match.

The final score of the game was 80-10 (each goal being 10 points), and despite Glennie's intense pursuit of a much larger and stronger Snitch, it was UMass who got the final 30 points by catching the Snitch.

Despite having lost, it was Westfield who was celebrated, not UMass, for having gotten its first ever goal. Instead of high fiving at the end of the final game, UMass Amherst initiated a massive group hug, which was quickly joined by the other two teams as well – a fitting end to a great day.

For students interested in joining the Quidditch team, practices are held Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in Stanley Park. Contact Kate or Cori, or join the Westfield State U Quidditch Facebook group.

There is a $10 due to join, and you must attend at least one practice a week, but all three are preferred.

## Banacos race to be held in November

The 33rd annual James Banacos 10 K (6.2 miles) Road Race will be held on Sunday, November 20, at 11:00 a.m. at Westfield State University.

Registration is from 9:45 to race time at the Woodward Center (athletics field house).

The registration fee is $8 for Westfield State students and $20 for all others. Official t-shirts will be given to the first 50 runners.

Contact Lou Ann Simchak at 413-572-5417 for more information.

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# WSU hosts MMA homecoming

*2011 Westfield State University football team seniors - First row, left to right: Chris Landry, Justin Karrat, Ryan O'Connell. Second row: Dave Conte, Tyler Dow, Anthony Laramee, Kerry King, Dylan Smith, Allyn Mathieson. Missing is Jeff Smith.* (Photo submitted)

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University football team hosts Massachusetts Maritime Academy on **Saturday, Oct. 29,** in a New England Football Conference (NEFC) Bogan Division game. Kickoff is 2:00 p.m. at Alumni Field for the Homecoming/Senior Day game.

WEB TV: The Mass. Maritime-Westfield game is being video streamed live. There is no fee to watch the game with Westfield State students Bryan Stockhaus and James Clover providing the play-by-play. In addition, there are Live Stats for the game. Go to www.WestfieldStateOwls.com to access the video stream and Live Stats links.

### SENIOR SALUTE

In addition to the Alumni Weekend/Homecoming festivities, nine Westfield State football team seniors are being honored prior to the game. Playing in their final regular season home game for the Owls are: Tyler Dow, Justin Karrat, Kerry King, Chris Landry, Anthony Laramee, Allyn Mathieson, Ryan O'Connell, Dylan Smith, and Jeff Smith. Congratulations to Westfield State's seniors and good luck in your future endeavors.

THE SERIES: Westfield State and Mass. Maritime are meeting for the 30th time, and the Owls used last year's 28-14 victory to gain a 15-14 edge over the Buccaneers in the highly competitive series. The teams first met on Oct. 16, 1982 (a 24-0 Mass. Maritime victory at Buzzards Bay), and Westfield has won nine of the last 10 matchups after the Buccaneer had taken 12 of the first 18 meetings. The Owls have won four straight since dropping a 15-13 decision in 2006.

### THE RECORDS

Mass. Maritime is 5-2 overall and 3-2 in the NEFC Bogan Division after a 34-6 victory over turnover-prone Maine Maritime last week. Maine Maritime had nine turnovers and Mass. Maritime tied a school record by recovering seven fumbles. Westfield is 3-5 overall and 2-3 in the conference following last week's 27-24 setback to first place Framingham State. The Owls' three Bogan Division losses have been by a total of seven points, including overtime setbacks to Worcester State and Maine Maritime. In addition, Westfield's two non-division losses have been to undefeated Endicott and Western New England, the top two teams in the NEFC Boyd Division. Western New

Buccaneers' season opener.

### NEFC WEEKLY HONORS:

Mass. Maritime senior co-captain and linebacker Walter Butler earned his second NEFC defensive player of the week honor in three weeks for his performance in the 34-6 triumph over Maine Maritime. Butler forced a pair of fumbles, returning one 49 yards that proved to be the game-winning touchdown, while adding seven solo stops, two sacks, two quarterback hurries, and a pass breakup. Butler previously won the accolade Oct. 8 in leading Mass. Maritime to a 23-19 victory over Worcester State. Butler ranks third in the NCAA Division III nationally in forced fumbles (six) and fifth in tackles for losses (11). Mass. Maritime sophomore Keith Caruso earned a spot on last week's honor roll with five catches for 103 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown. Westfield receiver/returner Kevin Parnell and defensive back Jeff Smith were selected to the weekly honor roll. Parnell amassed 219 all-purpose yards (7 catches-100 yards, 4 kick returns-104 yards, 3 punt returns-15 yards). Smith recorded a game-high 11 tackles (game-high nine solo tackles) and two pass breakups.

SCOUTING THE BUCCANEERS: Matt White leads Mass. Maritime in rushing with 502 yards and four touchdowns, while Mike Stanton has completed 80 of 151 passes for 1,039 yards and eight touchdowns. Keith Caruso has hauled in 36 receptions for 459 yards and two touchdowns, while linebackers Mike Bois (59 tackles, 40 solo) and Walter Butler (53 tackles, 43 solo, 17 for losses)

defended (7 breakups, 4 interceptions) and defensive lineman Sean Carver leads the NEFC in fumble recoveries (3) and ranks eighth in sacks (4). The Buccaneers are second in the 16-team NEFC in pass defense efficiency (87.1). Punter Jake Bickley is fourth in the NEFC in punting (37.0) and also handles the placekicking chores (15 of 19 PATS, 3 of 7 field goal attempts). Stefan Gustafson excels in the special teams department, ranking second in the NEFC in kickoff returns (26.7) and third in punt returns (11.6).

### SCOUTING THE OWLS:

Tyler Dow has thrown for 1,241 yards this season despite missing nearly three full games. He has completed 85 of 156 passes for seven touchdowns and ranks second in the NEFC in passing yards (206.8) per game. The Owls have a balanced receiving unit: Kevin Parnell (27 catches, 351 yards), Kevin Nicol (24-379), Jeff Winchell (20-241), Jake Storey (18-248), and Kane Terilli (11-237). Freshman Michael Mercadante leads the Owls in rushing (141 carries, 533 yards, 3.8 average). Parnell (25.9) and freshman Andrew Buanno (23.4) rank 3-4 in the conference in kick returns. Westfield leads the NEFC in net punting led by Dan Dowling, who is averaging 37.1 yards with 13 of his 36 punts inside the 20. Junior placekicker Kennan Startzell ranks first in the NEFC as he has made all 22 of his PAT attempts. He is second (7 for 9) in field goal kicking percentage. Defensively, the Owls are led in tackles by linebackers Justin Ehrhardt (67), Dowling (51) and Duffy (5) and defensive backs Mike

and team highs of 10 tackles for losses, three sacks and two forced fumbles. O'Connell and Erik Wellhoff both have three interceptions.

LOOKING AHEAD: Westfield concludes its regular season on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Fitchburg State; kickoff is 1:30. Mass. Maritime closes out regular season action on Nov. 5 by venturing to Bridgewater State to renew the longstanding rivalry with the Bears in the 33rd annual Cranberry Bowl. The Buccaneers look to retain The Scoop during the NEFC clash at Swenson Field that kicks off at 12:00.

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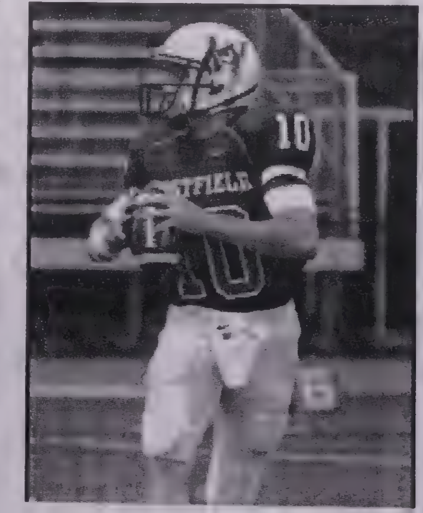

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*Westfield State University practices during the first week of preseason camp.* (Photo by Frederick Gore)

## WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY

# Owls seek conference dominance

By **CHRIS PUTZ**
*Staff Writer*

WESTFIELD –The Westfield State University athletic program has been the crown jewel of the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, winning the conference's top award for sports excellence.

Four of the last five last seasons, Westfield State has won the Howard C. Smith Cup, which is awarded to the MASCAC institution which compiles the most points based on placement of each of its programs competing in the 15 league championships.

Last year, Westfield State won nine MASCAC titles, and finished first or second in the conference in 14 different sports.

"There has been a shift in the (sports) culture here," said Westfield State athletic director Dick Lenfest, who is entering his seventh year at the university. "We expect to be successful. I'm pleased to be associated with this program."

And now the program is poised to make another run at the Cup.

"It's a brand new season," Lenfest said. "Each year, there are different expectations involved. Teams come back and are really prepared to go. Our athletes are in shape versus using the preseason to get in shape.

Owls' men's soccer may be the school's team with the largest bulls-eye on their back as they return everyone from a 14-3 campaign a year ago. The two-time defending MASCAC champion women's volleyball squad returns six starters. The women's soccer team seeks its third title in four years. The cross-country team looks to continue to take advantage of the cozy confines of Stanley Park to remain at the top of the sport. And football brings excitement to the gridiron with young players, good size, and tremendous athleticism.

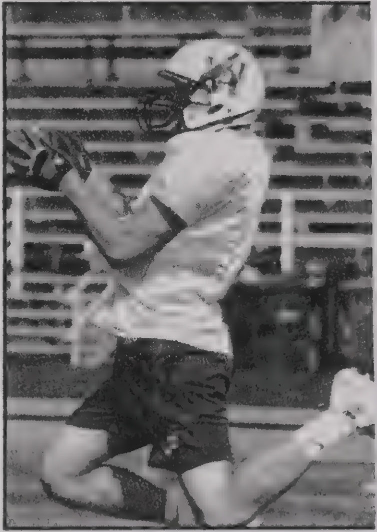
"We're expecting good things," Lenfest said, "but we have to put it together on the field."

While blood, sweat, and tears will be shed on the field, major contributions are expected in the classroom as well. More than 50 percent of WSU's student-athletes hold a GPA of 3.0 or better, according to Lenfest, a stat he was more than proud to discuss.

Also, the athletic complex will continue to get an upgrade this fall as a new baseball field is laid down, new dugouts are installed for baseball and softball, and press boxes are added.

Westfield State team-by-team schedules are available in this edition of the Westfield News. For a daily look at the Owls, visit westfieldstateowls.com.

**DICK LENFEST**
*WSU Athletic Director*



***Westfield State University football brings excitement to the gridiron with young players, good size, and tremendous athleticism.***
**(Photos by Frederick Gore)**

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# WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY SCHEDULES

## FOOTBALL

Friday Sept. 2 at Nichols 7:00
Saturday Sept. 10 ENDICOTT 1:00
Friday Sept. 16 WESTERN
NEW ENGLAND 7:00
Saturday Sept. 24 WORCESTER STATE
(FAMILY WEEKEND) 1:00
Friday Sept. 30 at Bridgewater State 6:30
Saturday Oct. 8 MAINE MARITIME 1:00
Saturday Oct. 15 at Coast Guard 1:30
Saturday Oct. 22 at Framingham State 1:30
Saturday Oct. 29 MASS. MARITIME
(ALUMNI WEEKEND) 2:00
Saturday Nov. 5 at Fitchburg State 1:30

## FIELD HOCKEY

Thursday Sept. 1 BECKER 6:30
Wednesday Sept. 7 at Western New England 7:00
Saturday Sept. 10 at UMass Dartmouth 1:00
Thursday Sept. 15 at Regis 8:00
Saturday Sept. 17 EASTERN CONN. 12:00
Tuesday Sept. 20 SMITH 7:00
Thursday Sept. 22 at Elms 7:00
Saturday Sept. 24 at Plymouth State 12:00
Wednesday Sept. 28 BRIDGEWATER STATE 7:00
Saturday Oct. 1 SOUTHERN MAINE 3:30
Tuesday Oct. 4 at Fitchburg State 7:00
Friday Oct. 7 at Framingham State 4:00
Saturday Oct. 15 WORCESTER STATE 12:00
Wednesday Oct. 19 KEENE STATE 7:00
Saturday Oct. 22 WESTERN CONNECTICUT 3:30
Tuesday Oct. 25 at Mt. Holyoke 7:00
Saturday Oct. 29 at Salem State 12:00
Tuesday Nov. 1 Little East Conference Tournament
Quarterfinals
Thursday Nov. 3 Little East Conference Tournament
Semifinals
Saturday Nov. 5 Little East Conference Tournament
Championship Game

## GOLF

Monday Sept. 19 Purchase College Invitational
(Fairview Country Club, Greenwich, CT) 12:00
Thursday Sept. 22 MCLA Trailblazer Invitational
(Waubeeka Golf Course, Williamstown) 1:00
Wednesday Sept. 28 Elms College Blazer Invitational
(Westover Golf Course, Granby) 11:00
Saturday Oct. 1 ECAC Championships
(Hampden Country Club/Springfield College host)
1:00
Sunday Oct. 2 ECAC Championships 1:00
Saturday Oct. 8 Westfield State Invitational
(at Tekoa Country Club) 12:00

## MEN'S SOCCER

Saturday Sept. 3 Springfield College Classic – Westfield vs. Western New England 2:15
Sunday Sept. 4 Springfield College Classic 12:00/2:15
Wednesday Sept. 7 ALBERTUS MAGNUS 4:00
Saturday Sept. 10 at Sage College 1:00
Wednesday Sept. 14 at Western Connecticut 7:00
Saturday Sept. 17 at Bridgewater State 5:00
Tuesday Sept. 20 at Elms 4:00
Saturday Sept. 24 MASS. MARITIME 6:00
Thursday Sept. 29 ENDICOTT 7:00
Saturday Oct. 1 at Fitchburg State 6:00
Wednesday Oct. 5 at Trinity 4:00
Saturday Oct. 8 WORCESTER STATE 6:00
Tuesday Oct. 11 at Williams 4:15
Saturday Oct. 15 at Salem State 3:00
Wednesday Oct. 19 RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE 4:00
Saturday Oct. 22 MCLA 12:00
Saturday Oct. 29 FRAMINGHAM STATE 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Nov. 2 MASCAC Tournament Semifinals
Saturday Nov. 5 MASCAC Championship

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Saturday Sept. 3 Springfield College Tournament – Vasser vs. Westfield State 5:00
Lasell vs. Springfield 7:15
Sunday Sept. 4 Springfield College Tournament
Consolation Game 5:00
Championship Game 7:15
Wednesday Sept. 7 KEENE STATE 7:00
Saturday Sept. 10 Skidmore College Tournament – Husson vs. Westfeild 3:30
Sunday Sept. 11 Skidmore College Tournament – Westfield vs. Skidmore 2:00
Tuesday Sept. 13 ELMS 7:00
Saturday Sept. 17 BRIDGEWATER STATE 3:00
Wednesday Sept. 21 EASTERN CONNECTICUT 7:00
Saturday Sept. 24 at Mass. Maritime 12:00
Wednesday Sept. 28 at Smith 4:00
Saturday Oct. 1 FITCHBURG STATE 12:00
Wednesday Oct. 5 at Trinity 4:30
Saturday Oct. 8 at Worcester State 2:00
Saturday Oct. 15 SALEM STATE 3:00
Tuesday Oct. 18 RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE 7:00
Saturday Oct. 22 at MCLA 1:00
Friday Oct. 28 at Framingham State 3:30
Wednesday Nov. 2 MASCAC Tournament Semifinals
Saturday Nov. 5 MASCAC Championship

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Friday Sept. 2 Springfield Invitational
- Westfield vs. Springfield 5:00
Saturday Sept. 3 Springfield Invitational
-Westfield vs. Roger Williams 10:00
Westfield vs. U. New England 12:30
Westfield vs. Plymouth 3:00
Wednesday Sept. 7 at Keene State 7:00
Friday Sept. 9 WNEC Invitational –
Westfield vs. WNEC 5:00
Western Connecticut vs. Westfield 7:00
Saturday Sept. 10 WNEC Invitational – Colby
Sawyer vs. Westfield State 11:00 a.m.
Emerson vs. Westfield State 1:00
Tuesday Sept. 13 ELMS 7:00
Thursday Sept. 15 at Lasell 7:00
Saturday Sept. 17 vs. RIC at Keene State 2:00
Saturday Sept. 17 at Keene State 4:00
Saturday Sept. 24 at Framingham State 11:00 a.m.
Saturday Sept. 24 at WPI 3:00
Wednesday Sept. 28 WORCESTER STATE 7:00
Saturday Oct. 1 vs. Clark at RI College 12:00
Saturday Oct. 1 at RI College 2:00
Friday Oct. 7 Tom Hay Invitational
@ Springfield College
Westfield vs. New Paltz 5:00
Saturday Oct. 8 Tom Hay Invitational
@ Springfield College
Westfield vs. Springfield 10:00
Westfield vs. Stevens Institute 12:30
Westfield vs. Plymouth State
Tuesday Oct. 11 SALEM STATE
Wednesday Oct. 12 at Amherst
Saturday Oct. 15 vs. Wheaton @Wes
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Saturday Oct. 15 at Western Connec
Tuesday Oct. 18 at MCLA
Friday Oct. 21 Hall of Fame Class
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Saturday Oct. 22 Hall of Fame Classi
Wednesday Oct. 26 BRIDGEWATER
Saturday Oct. 29 at Rivier College
Saturday Oct. 29 vs. Mass Maritime
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Saturday Nov. 5 MASCAC Tournam

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Park, Manchester, CT
SEPTEMBER 17 – Penn State Spiked Shoe
State College, PA
SEPTEMBER 24 – Open
OCTOBER 1 – Bowdoin College Invitational
Maine
OCTOBER 8 – James Earley Invitational @V
OCTOBER 15 – Western New England Univ
Invitational @Springfield
OCTOBER 29 – Alliance/MASCAC Champio
UMass Dartmouth
NOVEMBER 5 – ECAC Finals @Williams Co
Greylock HS, Williamstown, MA
NOVEMBER 12- NCAA Regional Champions
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME
NOVEMBER 19- NCAA National Champions
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh/Lake Breez
Winneconne, WI

## WOMEN'S GOLF

Sat.-Sun. Sept. 17-18 NYU Invitati
Rock Golf Club, Suffern, NY
Sat.-Sun. Sept. 24-25 Mount Holy
Sat.-Sun. Oct. 1-2 Middlebury I
Sat.-Sun. Oct. 8-9 Williams Inv
Sat-Sun. Oct. 15-16 Wellesley In

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**Junior defensive end Chris Walker, left, of West Springfield, and freshman running back Mike Mercadante, of Wilbraham, are two players the Westfield State University football team will be counting on this fall.**

# Owls must learn quickly

**Thinner than expected** on experience, Westfield State's football team will be a work in progress.

By DICK BAKER

WESTFIELD – There's going to be a lot of on-the-job training for the Westfield State University football team this season.

With an influx of new talent, but only eight seniors, look for the Owls to have some freshmen moments as they aim to improve on their 5-5 record from a year ago.

Steve Marino enters his 22nd year as head coach a bit frustrated by the lack of returning players.

"We had 31 kids on our roster last year who are either not playing football or not returning to school," Marino said. "I've been at this 22 years, and I don't have an answer for it. You see kids you thought lived and died for football, and they don't come back."

But the heavy turnover is going to mean opportunities for what appears to be a terrific freshman class.

"We're very young," Marino said. "We're probably going to start three freshmen on the offensive line."

They'll get their first game action Friday night in Dudley when the Owls open their season at Nichols College.

"They have a whole new coaching staff, so we're going into it blind," Marino said of Nichols.

## Westfield State 2011 Football Schedule

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| **SEPTEMBER** | | |
| **2:** | at Nichols | 7 p.m. |
| **10:** | Endicott | 1:00 |
| **16:** | Western New England | 7:00 |
| **24:** | Worcester State | 1:00 |
| **30:** | at Bridgewater State | 6:30 |
| **OCTOBER** | | |
| **8:** | Maine Maritime | 1:00 |
| **15:** | at Coast Guard | 1:30 |
| **22:** | at Framingham State | 1:30 |
| **29:** | Mass Maritime | 2:00 |
| **NOVEMBER** | | |
| **5:** | at Fitchburg State | 1:30 |

**Head coach:** Steve Marino (22nd year)

**2010 record:** 5-5-0

"The kids have a problem with it. I don't – it's realistic," Marino said of the fifth-place forecast.

Maine Maritime is the favorite in the Bogan with Endicott the choice in the Boyd, ahead of Western New England University, which was selected second.

The Westfield quarterback spot is a competition between senior Tyler Dow of Franklin and sophomore Tommy Leung of Milford. Dow attempted 200 passes last year, completing 80, with five touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

There are also two promising freshmen quarterbacks for the future in Dalton Brantner

All-Star.

The running game will be boosted by the arrival of Minnechaug Regional High School sensation Mike Mercadante. Mercadante was honored with the Norman S. Dagenais Award last season as the most valuable player in Western Massachusetts, having rushed for 1,729 yards and 20 touchdowns in nine games. Five times he rushed for over 200 yards, scampering for 199 in another. He was also named to the Massachusetts All-State Super 26 Football Team.

On the offensive line, the youngsters will have a top role model in Chris Landry of Northampton, a team captain.

On defense, junior end Chris Walker of West Springfield should be a standout. Despite missing two games last year, he finished with 23 tackles (14 solo), four sacks, five defensive break-ups and two fumble recoveries, which tied a team high.

Senior safety Ryan O'Connell of Athol, another captain, is back after leading the team with four interceptions and compiling 74 tackles, second on the squad. At cornerback is junior Mike Szydlowski of Wilbraham, who had 14 tackles in 2010. Senior Jeff Smith is another experienced member of the secondary.

Joining Mercadante in the backfield is former Mahar Regional standout Brian Beauchemin, a transfer from Springfield College.

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*eld receiver Kevin Nichol had a big game at Coast Guard, with seven catches 4 yards and a 31-yard touchdown.* (Fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

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before Owens fumbled the snap on second down and junior linebacker Justin Ehrhardt recovered.

The ball remained at the 3-yard line after two rushes by Mercadante, then Dowl found a wide open Winchell in the left corner of the end zone on third down for the game-winning score.

Coast Guard still had an opportunity to win or tie the game in the closing seconds. A 27-yard kickoff return and a Westfield personal foul on a late hit placed the ball at the Owl 39 with 41 seconds remaining.

But on first down defensive end Chris "C-Walk" Walker came up with a huge defensive play when he shot through a wide open gap up the middle and sacked the quarterback for an eight-yard loss. With no timeouts remaining and the clock running, Coast Guard was forced into a hurry up offense and Gregg Jackson intercepted Owens' pass at the 11-yard line with 12 seconds remaining to seal the big road victory.

Early on, it appeared as it was going to be a shootout as the first three possessions all ended in touchdowns. Westfield State scored first, a two-yard touchdown run by freshman Michael Mercadante with 9:54 left in the opening quarter.

Coast Guard tied the game on a one-yard run by Owens at the 7:15 mark, then Westfield regained the lead 14-7 on a 31-yard pass from Dow to sophomore Kevin Nicol with 1:34 left in the first quarter.

The only scoring in the second quarter was a 33-yard field goal by junior Kennan Startzell with 11:39 left in the second stanza as the Owls led 17-7 at the half.

Westfield State had 283 yards of total offense in the first half, 186 passing, while Coast Guard finished the half with 144 yards, 68 passing.

The Bears got right back in the game with a touchdown on their first possession of the second half, capped on a three-yard touchdown run by Owens making the score 17-14 with 12:08 left in the third quarter.

Westfield State finished with 472 yards of total offense, 307 passing. Dow was 20 of 40 for 307 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. Mercadante led the Owls with 25 carries for 70 yards while sophomore Brian Beauchemin had 11 carries for 56 yards. Nicol led the Owls with seven receptions for 134 yards and the touchdown while junior tight end Jake Storey had five receptions for 89 yards.

Coast Guard, which has dropped three straight, finished with 287 total yards, 151 passing. Owens was 12 of 28 for 136 yards while junior Jon Resch was 2 for 5 for 14 yards. Sophomore Tyler Hames led the Bears on the ground with 14 carries for 78 yards while Owens had 13 carries for 50 yards. Junior Eric Gerken, the leading receiver in the NEFC, had six catches for 77 yards.

Junior linebacker Anthony Raneri led the Owls with eight tackles, seven solo and one tackle for loss, while junior linebackers Parker Bateson (12 tackles) and Curt Barrett (11 tackles) each had double-digit tackles for Coast Guard.

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# Westfield football loses to Framingham as late rally falls short

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

After securing a victory two weeks ago in the final seconds of the game against the Coast Guard, the Westfield State Owls had another opportunity this week to do the same.

Unfortunately, luck did not go the Owls' way again and their late comeback was halted after the Rams of Framingham State stopped Westfield on fourth down with 28 seconds left in the game.

Linebacker James Muirhead sacked Westfield quarterback Tyler Dow on Westfield's last offensive play to seal a 27-24 Framingham victory.

Coming into the game, the Owls knew that they had to contain the Rams' offense led by sophomore running back Melikke Van Alstyne, who previously had run for over 1100 yards this year and had six 100-yard rushing performances.

On this Saturday, he was able to make it seven as Westfield's defense allowed Alstyne to rush for 114 yards and one touchdown.

Also helping the Rams offensively was the arm of quarterback Dino Mancinelli, who threw for 274 yards and three scores, with two of those score going to his favorite target James McCarthy, who caught seven balls for 185 yards.

Westfield's offense seemed once again to be finding a good rhythm throwing the ball as quarterback Tyler Dow was 20-36 for 256 yards and one score but had two costly interceptions.

Helping Dow was Kevin Parnell, who caught seven balls for 100 yards, in addition to his 104 yards returning kicks.

However, Parnell's effort could not save Dow, who faced heavy pressure throughout the game and was sacked six times, something that Coach Marino should not be happy about.

The running game that seemed to improve over the last couple of weeks reverted back to their old struggling ways, as the Owls were only able to accumulate 85 rushing yards, 60 of them coming from Michael Mercadante who also had one score on the day.

After taking a 17-13 lead into halftime thanks to touchdown runs by Mercadante and Justin Karatt, the Owls were very confident that they could pull off the big victory on the road.

The action seemed to really pick up in the fourth quarter when Dow threw interceptions on the first two drives of the quarter for Westfield, allowing the Rams to kill some clock and maintain their 27-17 lead.

But after that, the Owls' defense stepped up and ended Framingham's drive on the Owls four yard line.

After almost throwing a third interception that was eventually wiped out because of a penalty, Dow took advantage and led Westfield down the field to hit a wide open Kevin Nicol for 28 yards for the score.

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Westfield's Kevin Parnell

Westfield had one final opportunity after a crucial fumble by the Rams on the Owls 43 yard line, but the offense could not take advantage and the game ended. With the loss, the Owls now fall to 3-5 while the Rams go to 6-2.

The Owls play their final home game of the season on Saturday against Mass Maritime Buccaneers at 2:00 at Alumni Field.

It will be Senior Day, so the Owls will want to give their seniors a win as they play their last career game at home.

The Buccaneers come into this game with a 5-2 record and have a very stout defense led by Walter Butler who has 48 tackles, three sacks and has forced six turnovers on the year.

The secondary is also very strong as Eddy Ramos leads the team with four interceptions.

Westfield's offensive line needs to play better and give Dow more time to make throws to his open wide receivers.

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# HOMECOMING 2011...

Otherwise known as SNOWCOMING 2011, was a resounding success, despite the unfortunate weather. The cold, snowy day did not prevent the hundreds of alumni, friends, students, faculty and staff from reconnecting and visiting the campus. We started the day with a Faculty and Alumni Coffee Hour and our Alumni Association Executive Council's pre-Homecoming Tailgate Party in the parking lot of the Horace Mann Center. With burgers from The Summer House's, Steve Grimaldi '92, and a performance by Billy G and the BlueZone featuring alumni John '72 and Cathy '73 Garcia the crowd geared up for the main event!

It was a winning day on the athletic front, where our Owls men's soccer and Owls football teams each won their games.

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# Westfield State University hosts Endicott in home open

By MICKEY CURTIS
*Westfield State University*
*Sports Information Director*

Westfield State University hosts Endicott College, the defending New England Football Conference champions, in the Owls' home opener on Saturday, Sept. 10, kickoff at Alumni Field is 1:00 p.m.

Once again Westfield State will show its home football games on live videostream, with Westfield students Bryan Stockaus and James Clover on the call. Here is the videostream link. The following is a preview of how the Owls look for the 2011 season:

Steve Marino welcomes one of the best recruiting classes in his 22 years as head coach at Westfield State University and he's excited to kick off the 2011 season.

"We have a lot talented kids who are going to be very good players," said Marino, who is relying heavily on the underclassmen with only nine seniors on the 80-player roster. "They are young and inexperienced right now and are going to make mistakes but they are going to get better; hopefully, by the third or fourth week of the season."

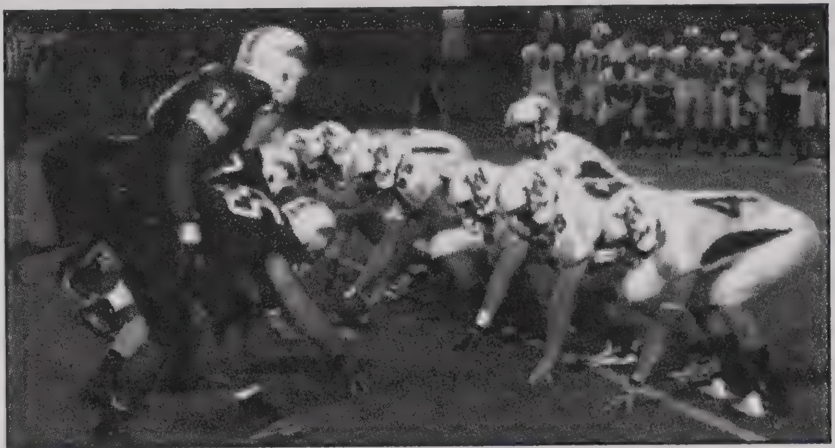
The "on-the-job-training" Marino keeps emphasizing comes with challenges. The Owls open their season with non-division games vs. New England Football Conference schools Nichols College, Endicott College and Western New England University. Endicott and Western New England tied for first place in the NEFC Boyd Division last season, and Endicott won the tiebreaker and went on to defeat Maine Maritime, 38-35, in the NEFC championship game.

"Until Maine Maritime proves otherwise it is still the team to beat in the Bogan Division," said Marino. "I think Worcester State also is going to have some talent and we are playing two of the top teams in the Boyd Division. Endicott is solid at all positions."

Here is a look at the 2011 Westfield State University team by positions:

## OFFENSIVE LINE

Senior guard Chris Landry, one of the four team captains, leads the offensive front that features three freshmen starters. In addition, all five members of the second unit are freshmen. Landry is joined by sophomore guard Joe Kreinsen, freshmen tackles Tom Sarkisian and Eddie Fallon and freshman center Jamison DiGeronimo. "No question our lack of experience is an issue but we are getting better," said Marino. "I like the three starting freshmen a lot. They are very good players but they are freshmen and have to take it one step at a time to figure things out. Our offensive system is a little more complex than they are used to." The second unit consists of tackles Justin McGrath and Mike Calamare, guards Kyle Seidnitzer and John Kopec, and center Wayne McGillicuddy. Marino also has plenty of praise for sophomore tight end Jeff Winchell and junior tight end Jake Storey, a transfer from Assumption College. "One thing we have this year that we have never had is two good tight ends that can catch the ball," said Marino. "We plan to get them more involved in our passing game."



*The Westfield State offense lines up in its season opener at Nichols last week. Head coach Steve Marino says his young offensive line has to perform well for the Owls to be successful this season.*

## OFFENSIVE BACK

This is the most depth We has had at quarterback. In fa Owls started the season with signal callers but two of them r to the defensive secondary. returnee Tyler Dow has receiv starting nod and is healthy e this season to take on the chall Dow completed 80 of 200 pass 975 yards and five touchdow 2010 while nursing several inj "Tyler is in better shape an percent healthy," said Marino are a run team first but opp know that and are going to d the run, so as the season prog we want mix it up a bit and p first down. We want to keep im ing and balance our offense 50/50 (run/pass)." Sopho Tommy Leung had a strong season and is listed No. 2 o quarterback depth chart; also r ing is sophomore Dan Lette The talented freshmen quarter are Dalton Brantner of En Conn., and Steve Guerci Gardner, Mass., who both had standing high school careers. Owls also have some talented

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# Endicott College sinks WSU

*Westfield receiver Kane Terilli catches one of his five passes vs. Endicott College. Terilli had a game-high 133 receiving yards.* (Photo By Nancy Bals)

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior Mike Lane rushed for 217 yards and a touchdown on 38 carries and senior quarterback Phil Konopka completed 21 of 36 passes for 255 yards and two scores to power Endicott College to a 45-24 victory over Westfield State University in a New England Football Conference non-divisonal game on Saturday.

Endicott (2-0), the defending NEFC champions, trailed 24-17 late in the third quarter but the Gulls scored four unanswered touchdowns in the game's final 19 minutes.

Endicott tied the score at 24-all near the end of the third quarter on a third down quarterback sneak by Konopka from one-yard out that capped a 14-play, 64-yard drive.

Lane scored the winning points on a 28-yard scamper with 11:11 remaining in the fourth quarter. Lane's scoring jaunt was the first play from scrimmage following the key eight-yard interception return by Endicott's Jason Silva to the Owl 28.

It was the only interception of the game for Westfield senior quarterback Tyler Dow, who threw for a career-high 258 yards, completing 17 of 33 passes for two touchdowns.

Endicott iced the tough road victory on a sensational 35-yard touchdown reception by Mike Fimiani at the 7:16 mark, and a 17-yard touchdown scamper by Jared DiBiase with 4:45 remaining.

Endicott took a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter on a three-yard run by DiBiase. Westfield tied the scored with 7:21 remaining in the first half on a nice 31-yard scoring strike from Dow to Kane Terilli. The TD was set up when linebacker Dan Dowling recovered a fumble at the Endicott 33.

Endicott quickly regained the lead on a 53-yard scoring bomb form Konopka to Mike

scored 10 points in the final 1:39 of the first half to take a 17-14 lead. Dow found Kevin Parnell in the back of the end zone for a seven-yard scoring

back with 44 seconds remaining and its quick six-play drive was capped by a 21-yard field goal by Kennan Startzell with one second remaining

Dylan Rushe's 28-yard field goal, but on the ensuing series Westfield took its final lead, 24-17, on Brian Beauchemin's one-yard touchdown plunge

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# WNE football wins at Alumni Field for first time since 1999

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

The return of senior quarterback Bryce Brown helped lift the Western New England Golden Bears (2-1) to a 20-10 win last Friday night over the Westfield State Owls (1-2).

Brown ran for a game high 89 yards on 15 carries with one rushing touchdown and threw for 62 more against the young Owls' defense.

The victory marked the second straight season that Western New England received the President's Cup trophy following the rivalry game.

The young offensive line of the Owls at times seemed overmatched as the Bears' defense accumulated eight sacks in the game. One of those sacks knocked Westfield starting quarterback Tyler Dow out of the game in what appeared to be a rib injury.

Because of the injury, coach Steve Marino was forced to put sophomore quarterback Tommy Leung into the game.

Leung, who did not play at all last year and only played sparingly in the loss to Endicott, was 14-25 for 170 yards.

But he also threw five interceptions in the game, including two that were picked off by junior cornerback Alex Miller.

Westfield once again could not seem to get anything going in the running game.

Freshman running back Michael Mercadante scored on a two-yard touchdown run with 3:21 remaining in the game. Mercadante ran for a team high 47 yards on 16 carries, but most of those yards came in early in the game.

Because of the ineffectiveness of the running game, Leung was forced to throw more than the team would have liked.

Though his inexperience showed at times, he was able to move the ball down the field effectively. Receivers Kevin Parnell, who caught six balls, and Kevin Nichol (three catches for 57 yards) helped Leung throughout the game.

Parnell has stepped up this year and has been the go to receiver for both Dow and Leung. However, the pressure Leung faced from Western New England's defense forced him to throw many costly interceptions.

The Golden Bears defensively were led by linebackers Brandon Ormsby (7 tackles), Todd Krolikowski (6 tackles and 4 sacks for 31 yards), linebacker Mark Devlin (6 tackles and 2 sacks) and defensive end James Georges (6 tackles and 3.5 sacks for 23 yards) who were creating havoc all over the backfield.

The Owls were led defensively by linebacker Dan Dowling, who had a game-high nine tackles, including three for losses, and linebackers Justin Ehrhardt and Kevin Duffy, who each had eight stops.

Westfield now heads into Saturday's game against the Worcester State Lancers with a two game home losing streak. The game is scheduled to kickoff at 1:00 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Lancers (3-0) had no difficulty with Nichols College last week as they rolled over them by a 49-3 score – the same Nichols College the Owls beat 21-20 in their first game of the season.

Worcester has a high power offensive attack that has averaged 41 points per game in three games this year.

The Owls need to pay attention to senior running back Marcus Price, who has already rushed for 438 yards and five touchdowns this year. He has three straight 100 yards rushing games to start the season.

In three years, Price now has 2,136 rushing yards which is only 472 yards away from second place on the all-time rushing list for the Lancers.

Worcester also has a very dominant quarterback who can beat teams with his arm and his legs as he thrown for nine touchdowns already and also is second on the team in rushing with 103 yards.

The game also marks the return of former Westfield State student Riche Dube, who is Worcester's punt returner and has already taken back a punt for a score.

The Owls will hopefully get Dow back for this game, but if he is not able to play then Leung will be prepared to start under center.

Westfield needs to be able to establish the running game if they want to have any chance in this game and keep the Lancers offense off the field.

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# Gulls score 31 second-half points in comeback win over Westfield

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

photo by Nancy Bals

Wide receiver Kane Terilli had 134 receiving yards and a touchdown for Westfield.

Coming off a narrow 21-20 victory over Nichols College two weeks ago, the Westfield State Owls football team hoped to carry some of that momentum into last week's game against the Endicott College Gulls.

Unfortunately, that momentum lasted only for the first half – and games are not over after 30 minutes, they are over after 60 – as the Owls lost 45-24 after 17-14 at halftime.

The Endicott game was the Owls home opener and fans of the team saw many new faces and not a lot of old ones. The team has 80 players on its roster and 45 of them are newcomers. The team only has 10 seniors on the roster and 41 freshmen.

As head coach Steve Marino said in a recent Springfield Republican article, "We had 31 kids on our roster last year who are either not playing football or not returning to school.

"I've been at this 22 years, and I don't have an answer for it. You see kids you thought lived and died for football, and they don't come back."

The Owls had to replace Mr. Do It All Evan Bernache, who had a monster season last year after converting to running back from wide receiver during the middle of his senior season.

Westfield sure seemed to miss Bernache last week as they only accumulated 21 rushing yards on 22 carries as a team (negative two net yards after sacks are factored in).

Due to the lack of an effective running game, the Owls had to rely heavily on senior quarterback Tyler Dow.

Dow struggled last year, completing only 80 out of 200 passes and finishing with 12 interceptions and just five touchdowns.

But Dow showed improvement against Endicott as he threw for a career high 259 yards on 17-33 passes with two touchdowns and one interception.

Dow found tight end Kane Terilli (who caught 4 balls for 134 yards) midway through the first quarter for a 31-yard touchdown and then later found speedy wide receiver Kevin Parnell for a 7-yard score.

On the defensive side, defensive back Mike Szydlowski led Westfield with 13 tackles, while linebackers Kevin Duffy and Justin Ehrhardt who both had 10 respectively.

The Westfield defense could not contain the Gulls offense in the second half however as they showed a balanced attack as senior running back Mike Lane rushed for 217 yards on 38 carries with one touchdown.

Endicott senior quarterback Phil Konopka threw for two scores and 255 yards passing. Sophomore wide out Mike Murphy and senior receiver Mike Fimiani each had touchdowns catches for the Gulls. With the win, the Gulls now improve to 2-0 on the season.

Westfield's record on the other hand now falls to 1-1 this season. Tonight the Owls face off against the Western New England University Golden Bears at 7:00 at Alumni Field.

The Golden Bears are also 1-1 and are coming off a 19-14 loss at the hands of Mass Maritime.

But Western New England was missing their senior leader quarterback Bryce Brown due to injury.

Brown threw for 248 yards and two scores and ran for 145 and another two scores in the first game of the season.

The young Owls defense must be ready for whoever plays quarterback and hopefully the return of senior defensive back Ryan O'Connell, who did not play last week because of an injury, will help.

Another important key for the Owls this week is for the young offensive line to handle the pressure and allow Dow more time in the pocket to make some throws.

The offensive line starts three freshmen so Dow needs to have a running game to help him out against Western New England.

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# ogan Division rivals WSU, Maine Maritime set to collide

STFIELD – The Westfield State rsity football team hosts Maine Maritime my on Saturday, Oct. 8, in the annual between the New England Football rence (NEFC) Bogan Division rivals. ame kicks off at 1:00 p.m. at Alumni

**B TV:** The Maine Maritime-Westfield is being video streamed live. There is no watch the game. Westfield State students Stockhaus and James Clover will pro- ıe play-by-play. In addition, there will be Stats for the game. Go to www. eldStateOwls.com to access the video and Live Stats links.

**E SERIES:** Maine Maritime holds a lead in the all-time series with Westfield. een a series of streaks the past 12 years. ariners have won the last six meetings n the teams, including a 42-21 victory 10. Westfield, meanwhile, defeated Maritime six consecutive years from 004.

*The Westfield State defense faces another challenging test this Saturday against the potent Maine Maritime running game.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

**HTEEN YEARS AGO:** It was a win- e-all game as Westfield State and Maine Maritime played on the final day of the 1993 regular season in Castine, Maine, for the NEFC championship. Back then the NEFC consisted of nine teams that played a round robin schedule and Maine Maritime and Westfield both entered the regular season finale with 6-1 records. The Owls had an overall record of 7-1-1, a league loss to Bridgewater State and a 7-7 non-conference tie at Hartwick in the season opener. Maine Maritime edged Westfield, 22-14, to claim the NEFC championship as star Mariner running back Rob Marchitello rushed for 187 yards (134 in the second half) on 45 carries and two touchdowns. The Mariners finished with a 9-1 overall record in 1993 and upset Brockport State, 28-20, in the ECAC postseason tournament.

**THE RECORDS:** Maine Maritime is 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the NEFC Bogan Division after sustaining a 39-22 setback at Worcester State last week. Westfield is 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the Bogan Division after posting a big 10-7 road victory over Bridgewater State on Friday, Sept. 30.

**NEFC WEEKLY HONORS:** Maine Maritime senior quarterback Matthew Rende was selected to the weekly honor roll as he rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns vs. Worcester. Westfield junior linebacker Dan Dowling was recognized for recording nine tackles (seven solo); he also punted seven

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# Family Weekend Rivalry Game set for Sat. kickoff

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University football team hosts Worcester State University on Saturday, Sept. 24, in the annual game between the New England Football Conference Bogan Division rivals. The Family Weekend clash kicks off at 1:00 p.m. at Alumni Field.

**WEB TV:** The Worcester-Westfield game is being video streamed live. There is no fee to watch the game. Westfield State students Bryan Stockhaus and James Clover will provide the play-by-play. In addition, there will be Live Stats for the game. Go to www.WestfieldStateOwls.com to access the video stream and Live Stats links.

**THE SERIES:** Westfield State holds a 14-11 lead in the series that began in 1986. The Lancers posted a 30-18 home victory in 2010, a game in which the Owls committed seven turnovers, including four interceptions. Prior the last year's setback the Owls had three-game win streak in the series, including a 33-16 triumph in 2009.

**TEN YEARS AGO:** It was a once-in-a-lifetime game in which Worcester and Westfield both entered the final game of the regular season with perfect 8-0 records. The State Game, as it was billed, lived up to its expectations as Westfield scored a touchdown with just over a minute remaining for a 34-30 victory. The Owls, however, had to stop as last-minute charge by the Lancers in the title-clinching victory, Worcester drove to the Owl 17 and on third down Owl defensive back Alan Gates batted down a pass in the end zone with two seconds remaining. On the final play of the game, four Westfield players tackled the Worcester quarterback at the four-yard line, setting off a huge on-field celebration that included many from the overflow crowd of 3,000 spectators. The Owls went on to defeat Nichols, 12-0, in the NEFC championship game, which was played at Worcester State, then lost at home to Western Connecticut State, 8-7, in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

**THE RECORDS:** Worcester enters the game with a 3-0 record that includes routs of Anna Maria, 55-30, and Nichols, 49-3, and a 21-14 decision over city rival WPI. The Lancers are ranked fifth in this year's initial New England Football Division III poll. Westfield dropped to 1-2 following a 20-10 setback to local rival Western New England University; the Owls committed seven turnovers, including five interceptions in the President's Trophy game. Westfield opened with a 21-20 victory at Nichols then fell to Endicott, 38-24, after holding a 24-17 lead late in the third quarter.

**NEFC WEEKLY HONORS:** Worcester receiver AJ

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# Westfield football loses heartbreaker to Worcester State

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

Sixty minutes of hard fought football were not enough last Saturday afternoon to find a winner between the Worcester State Lancers and the Westfield State Owls.

It took three overtimes for the Lancers to pull out a 42-40 nail biting win on Family Day at Westfield. Coming into the game, the Owls' defense knew that they had to contain Worcester senior running back Marcus Price, who before this game had rushed for three straight 100 yards games.

However, at times they were unable to stop the future all-time leading rusher for the Lancers as the stealthy 5-foot-7 back broke numerous Owl tackles en route to a 149-yard rushing day with two touchdowns. One of those touchdowns tied the game up in the third overtime.

After bruising fullback Justin Karrat scored from one yard out in the third overtime the momentum seemed to be on Westfield's side.

Unfortunately, that momentum vanished faster than Usain Bolt running the 100, as the Lancers' defense stopped the Owls on the two-point conversion. On their first play of the third overtime possession, Worcester gave the ball to their senior leader who took the ball 25 yards for the score to tie the game.

Worcester's backup QB Corey Spencer then threw to a wide-open Dana Barry in the left corner of the end zone for the game-ending two-point conversion.

After being knocked out of the Western New England game last week, WSU quarterback Tyler Dow looked healthier and played very well at times throwing for 260 yards and one touchdown.

He was able to hit speedy receiver Kevin Parnell on a deep throw for 76 yards. Parnell had four catches for 115 yards, but was shut out of for the rest of the game after the 76 yard play. Tight end Jeff Winchell had five catches for 48 yards as well.

Another factor that helped Dow in this game was the presence of a running game. Mike Mercadante and Brian Beauchemin rushed for 57 and 42 yards respectively and both scored touchdowns.

WSU fullback Justin Karrat
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However, a late injury to Beauchemin forced head coach Steve Marino to rely only Mercadante and the Lancers' defense was ready for him. Westfield took advantage of some key injuries to Worcester's offense in this game as starting wide receiver Kenny Russell left the game early in the first quarter with a shoulder injury and starting quarterback Tony Tokarz left with an ankle injury.

The loss of Tokarz was huge for the Lancers as he was 7-14 for 86 yards and a touchdown through the air and ran for 48 yards and a touchdown.

It had appeared that the game was all but over late in the fourth quarter after the Owls were caught sleeping on an offside penalty and Spencer threw a long bomb up to Dana Barry for 64 yards.

However, the Owls caught a huge break when Price fumbled on the next play and Westfield senior Ryan O'Connell scampered to the end zone for 89 yards to tie the game up. The lengthy fumble recovery broke a school record. After a Lancer missed field goal, the game went to overtime.

Westfield linebacker Dan Dowling recorded a game-high 12 tackles and defensive end Chris Walker racked up nine tackles and also had a sack and forced fumble. With the loss, the Owls fall to 1-3 and 0-1 in conference play while the Lancers are now 4-0.

Westfield hits the road to face the Bridgewater State Bears tonight at 6:30 p.m. The Bears are 2-1 on the year so far and are coming off a 28-20 loss to Framingham State last week. BSU is averaging 19 points per game.

They rely heavily on quarterback Mike McCarthy, who is a threat with his arm and legs, as he has run for 122 yards and two scores and has thrown close to 400 yards passing with three touchdowns.

Eddie Jewel and Kevin Laudano are a strong tandem on the defensive side of the ball, already accumulating four interceptions between the two of them this year.

For the Owls to win, Dow must have a good game throwing the ball and Westfield's defense needs to create pressure from Walker so safeties Jeff Smith and O'Connell can make plays in the secondary.

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# Westfield Edges Nichols, 21-20 in Football Opener

## *Blocked PAT Sinks Bison After Record-Tying Fumble Return*

DUDLEY - Nichols College junior linebacker Peter Curto (Braintree, Mass.) ran back a school record-tying 94-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter, but Westfield State sophomore defensive back Joey Shisler (Hanover, Mass.) blocked the point after attempt as the Owls held on for a 21-20 season-opening victory on Vendetti Field Friday evening. Westfield improves to 1-0 on the year as the Owls win their sixth-straight against the Bison. Nichols dips to 0-1.

Curto added a game-high 13 tackles to his impressive first collegiate score. His return tied Geoffrey Taintor who set the Bison's mark in 1999, and was just three yards shy of the New England Football Conference record, set in 1998 by Kaleem Clarkson of Worcester State, also against the Owls.

Westfield outgained Nichols, 325-216, and almost doubled the Bison in the air, led by 154 yards passing on a 10-14 night by Tyler Dow (Franklin, Mass.). Nichols, however, rallied for 13 points in the final frame despite maintaining possession for only half the stanza.

Sophomore running back Brian Beauchemin (Orange, Mass.) paced the Owls with 85 yards on 21 carries, and put the visitors on the board on their first drive of the game after Kevin Parnell (Berlin, Conn.) returned the kickoff 61 yards. Beauchemin capped the drive with rushes of seven, five and three yards to put the Owls quickly ahead, just 1:29 into the game.

Kane Terilli (Cranston, R.I.) pushed the Owls ahead, 14-0, at the end of the quarter with a 14-yard diving catch in the endzone that finished off a six play, 50-yard drive with 3:16 left in the first.

A roughing the punter call on the Owls gave Nichols first down at the Westfield 28 early in the second quarter, where Irie Perry (West Palm Beach, Fla.) pushed the ball ahead with a trio of short gains before a Dan Snyder (Stoughton, Mass.) pass play set up first year fullback Felipe Njeim (Stoughton, Mass.) for a nine-yard scoring push on fourth and two from the Owls' nine.

A late Westfield field goal attempt fell short, setting the Bison up at their own 21 yard line with 1:07 left in the half. Perry took over, gaining 18 yards before the clock ran out.

Owls' linebacker Justin Ehrhardt (Stoneham, Mass.) stopped Perry on a fourth-and-one attempt at midfield to start a wild third quarter. The Owls' next drive was intercepted by Bison defensive end A.J. Farina (Barrington, R.I.).

A penalty drove Nichols back and forced the Bison to punt from their own 34, with the Owls starting their drive from their own 40. A Michael Mercadante (Wilbraham, Mass.) 17-yard rush and a 13-yard catch by Justin Karrat (Ashland, Mass.) made it first-and-10 from the Nichols 27, but the Owls turned it over on downs at the Nichols 19 on fourth-and-two when Michael Merjuste (Norwich, Conn.) held up Mercadante.

Dow connected with tight end Jeff Winchell (Scituate, R.I.) for a 24-yard reception to set up the Owls for first-and-goal at the Bison eight yard line on Westfield's first possession of the final quarter. Bison first year linebacker William Manzi (So. Windsor, Conn.) sacked Dow on his next attempt, forcing the ball out to sophomore defensive linemanDerrick Moore (Boca Raton, Fla.), who recovered the fumble and ran it back nine yards.

Westfield senior defensive back Ryan O'Connell (Athol, Mass.) intercepted the Bison's first pass attempt of their drive, however, running it back 12 yards before Snyder took him down at the Bison 35. Mercadante took over from there, running it in from 35 yards out on the very next play for a 21-7 lead.

A 10-yard pass from quarterback Jacob Shoup (Boca Raton, Fla.) to Tom Capobianco (Wethersfield, Conn.) brought the Bison right back into the game on the ensuing drive. The score capped an eight play, 73-yard drive that saw Shoup go 5-for-5 and Njeim rush for 39 yards on three carries.

Up 21-14 with 7:38 to play, the Owls ran almost five minutes off the clock on their next drive, using Beauchemin and Mercadante to complement a 39-yard pass from Dow to Kevin Nicol (Wolcott, Conn.) to drive all the way to the Bison six yard line before Curto's fumble return.

Curto swiped the ball out of Mercadante's hands, picked it up and carried it unopposed on the near sidelines to set up the game-tying PAT. Shisler, however, got an arm up and blocked the Bison's attempt with 2:41 left on the clock.

Perry paced the Bison's ground efforts with 72 yards on 18 carries. Njeim added 61 yards on six carries with his first collegiate touchdown. Shoup was 7-for-13 for 54 yards passing for the Bison, while Snyder finished 4-for-5 for 20 yards and an interception.

Beauchemin and Mecadante shouldered the Owls' ground efforts. Beauchemin racked up 85 yards on 21 carries, and Mercadante totaled 69 yards on 14 carries; each scored a touchdown.

In addition to Curto's 13 tackles, senior defensive backs Christopher Kerrigan (Hyde Park, Mass.) and Mike Rubalcaba (Barre, Vt.) each added eight for Nichols. Ehrhardt paced the Owls with eight, while Mike Mizzoni (Westford, Mass.) forced a fumble and posted six tackles, two sacks and three tackles for a loss of 17 yards.

Nichols now plays the next three games on the road, starting with a 7 p.m. game at Framingham State on September 9. Westfield hosts Endicott at 1 p.m. on September 10.

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# Worcester State bests Westfield in triple OT, 42-40

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior running back Marcus Price scored the game-tying touchdown in the third and final overtime and rushed for 149 yards on 37 carries as Worcester State University held on for a wild 42-40 victory over Westfield State University on Saturday.

The Lancers improved to 4-0 overall after surviving a Westfield State comeback in the New England Football Conference Bogan Division opener. The Owls, who rallied from a late 24-7 first-half deficit to tie the score 24-all at the end of regulation, are 1-3 overall.

Westfield took a 40-34 lead on the first possession of the third overtime on a one-yard touchdown run by fullback Justin Karrat, who appeared caught in the backfield but spun around, bounced off several would be tacklers and scored.

Westfield had to go for the two-point conversion in the third overtime and a pass to Karrat in the end zone was batted down by PJ Robinson.

On the Lancers' first play of the third OT stanza, Price made a brilliant 25-yard touchdown scamper, weaving his way thru several defenders down the left side. Backup quarterback Corey Spencer then threw to a wide open Dana Barry in the left corner of the end zone for the game-ending two-point conversion.

After both teams booted short field goals in the first overtime, Barry put the Lancers ahead, 34-27, on the first possession of the second overtime when he out jumped Owl defensive back Erik Wellhoff in the right corner of the end zone on a straight fade pass by Spencer from 21 yards.

Westfield knotted the score in the second overtime on outstanding 12-yard touchdown pass-run play by tight end Jake Storey, who caught the ball at the six and carried three Lancers with him across the goal line.

The most sensational play in this game of

# 'estfield whites out Mass Maritime, 11-0

## necoming, Senior Day celebrated with unforgettable October snowstorm

*In third quarter action, WSU's Tyler Dow hands off the ball to Michael Mercadante.*

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With the snow just starting to accumulate, the Owls took the opening kickoff and marched 59 yards in 12 plays, with freshman running back Michael Mercadante (Wilbraham) scoring from one yard out.

Mercadante carried the ball eight times for 33 yards during the TD drive, and for the day the bruising 6-0, 230-pound back had 27 carries and 74 rushing yards. The big play in the scoring drive, however, was a 21-yard pass completion from Tyler Dow to tight end Jeff Winchell to the Mass Maritime 1-yard line.

Westfield did mishandle the ball several times during the game but it turned one of the miscues into two points. On the extra point attempt following the touchdown, holder Dylan Smith picked up a bad snap from center, rolled to his right, and found Anthony Laramee in the end zone to give the Owls an early 8-0 lead.

Westfield scored the game's final points midway through the second period on an 20-yard field goal by dependable placekicker Kennan Startzell to cap a nine-play, 47-yard drive.

With the conditions worsening by the minute, the Owls went into a ball control, clock-killing offense for most of the second half.

"We tried to run the ball (in the second half) but we just couldn't," said Marino

But the opportunistic Owls intercepted two passes, recovered two fumbles and registered three quarterback sacks in the second half.

Westfield also received a huge game from punter Dan Dowling, who punted 10 times for an amazing 33.8 average, including a long of 49 and two punts inside the 20, in the blizzard conditions. Most importantly, Mass. Maritime only

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had one punt return for zero yards.

Mass. Maritime gave up the ball twice on downs in Westfield territory, at the 25 early in the third period and at the 35 at the start of the fourth quarter. The Bucs coughed up their final fumble at the Westfield 18 with 1:12 remaining the game.

Mass Maritime (38 carries, 150 yards) outrushed Westfield (48 carries, 78 yards). Mike White rushed 23 times for a game-high 126 yards. Buccaneer quarterback Mike Stanton completed 11 of 27 passes for 117 yards, with Keith Caruso leading all receivers (6 catches, 49 yards).

Dow completed 6 of 18 passes for 74 yards, with Kevin Parnell the leading receiver (3-41).

O'Connell was one of three Westfield players with seven tackles; he also had a forced fumble and fumble recovery. Dowling had five tackles and recovered two fumbles in addition to his stellar punting.

Mike Bois led Mass Maritime with nine tackles (5 solos, two for losses and a sack).

**MEN'S SOCCER TOURNEY BOUND:** The Westfield State University men's soccer team earned a MASCAC postseason tournament berth by edging first-place Framingham State, 1-0, in the regular season finale on Saturday morning at Alumni Field.

Tim Parsons scored the game-winning goal in the 20th minute with an assist from Josh Severns.

Westfield is either the No. 3 or No. 4 seed in the MASCAC postseason tournament and will play a road game on Wednesday. The MASCAC final regular season standings are not final as Saturday's Worcester State-Fitchburg State game was postponed.

**LADY OWLS EARN HOME PLAYOFF GAME:** Kayley Miller scored three goals and Leann Rivard tied a school record with four assists to power the Westfield State University women's soccer team to a big 7-3 victory over Framignham State in the regular season finale late Friday.

Westfield clinched a share of the MASCAC regular season championship with the key road victory and the Owls (13-3-1 overall and 5-2 MASCAC) are guaranteed to host a MASCAC tournament semifinal game on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

The loss eliminates the Rams from the MASCAC post season tournament as they fall to 8-8-1 overall and 3-3-1 in the conference.

Westfield State took a 1-0 lead in the 12th minute on a Framingham State own goal. The Owls

extended their lead to 3-0 with a pair of goals later in the half. In the 21st minute junior Rivard (Chicopee, Mass.) sent a cross into the box that Miller (Ludlow, Mass.) headed home for her first of the game. Ten minutes later, Rivard hit Brittanie McGregor(Ludlow, Mass.) with a pass and McGregor placed a shot in the bottom corner.

The Rams got on the board in the 35th minute when freshman Isabela DeSouza (Framingham, Mass.) was awarded a penalty kick after being taken down in the box. DeSouza converted the penalty kick for her team-leading 13th goal of the season.

Less than a minute later, the Owls answered as Rivard and Miller connected for the second time in the game pushing the lead back to three. The Rams added a goal in the 42nd minute when freshman Christina Buonopane (Stoneham, Mass.) sent a cross to classmate Melissa Higgins (Waltham, Mass.) and Higgins knocked it home sending the game to the half with the Rams trailing 4-2.

The Owls added three more in the second half from Sarah Sypek (Westhampton, Mass.), Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro, Mass.) and Miller, who completed the hat trick with her third of the game.

Sophomore Kayla Austin (Winchester, Mass.) scored for the Rams off a pass from senior Taylor Benton (Batavia, NY) in the 88th minute to reach the final margin of 7-3.

The Owls outshot the Rams 25-15 in the game and held an 8-4 edge in corner kicks. Freshman McKenzie Vershon (Chicopee, Mass.) made six saves for the Rams and Jess Habif (Holliston, Mass.) made six saves for the Owls.

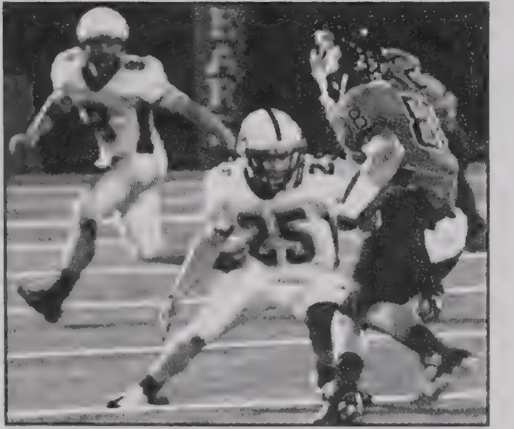
*Dan Dowling recovers a fumble late in the game that featured heavy and wet snow.* (Photo

# Owls claim huge win at Bridgewater, 10-7

BRIDEGEWATER, Mass. – Westfield State forced four Bridgewater State turnovers and the Owls held on for a 10-7 victory in New England Football Conference Bogan Division action on Friday evening.

Westfield State, which did not commit any turnovers, improves its overall record to 2-3 (1-1 Bogan) while Bridgewater State slips to 2-2 and 0-2 in the divisional standings. The contest marked the first ever night game at Swenson Field.

The Bears outgained the Owls, 161-130 in total offense in the opening half, but turned the ball over three times on their first four possessions, including an interception in the end zone by Westfield cornerback Mike Szydlowski (Wilbraham) on Bridgewater's first series. Westfield State got on the board early in the second quarter on a 34-yard field goal by junior Kennan Startzell (Rockland, MA).



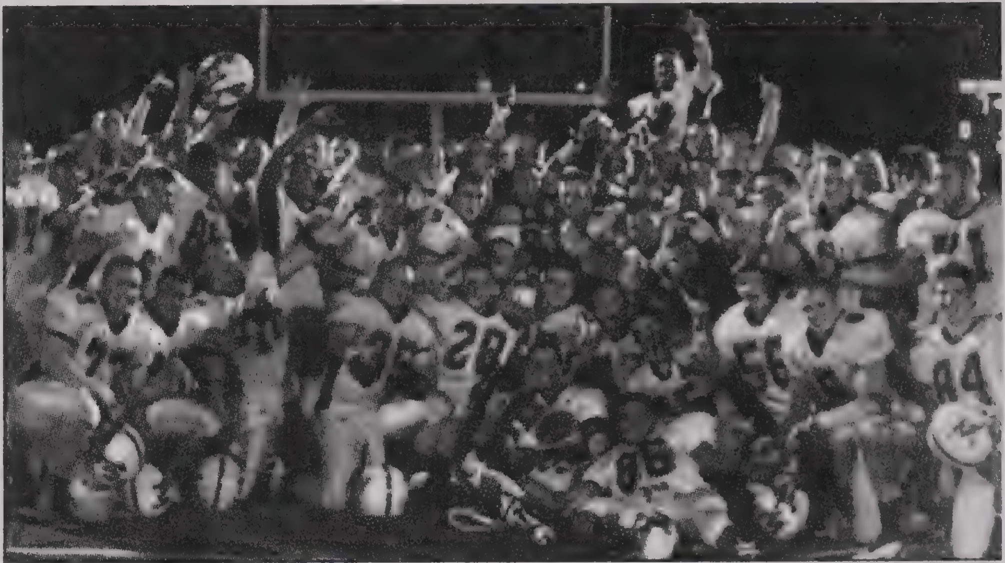
*Westfield's Mike Szydlowski gets ready to tackle Bridgewater receiver Jake Scott; looking on is Ryan O'Connell. Szydlowski and O'Connell both had big first-half interceptions.*

On Bridgewater State's ensuing possession, senior Ryan O'Connell (Athol, MA) intercepted a Mike McCarthy (Edgartown, MA) pass at midfield and returned it 13 yards down to the BSU 37-yardline. Seven plays later, sophomore quarterback Tommy Leung (Milford, MA) connected with sophomore tight end Jeff Winchell (Scituate, MA) on an 11-yard scoring strike to give the Owls the 10-0 advantage near the intermission.

The score remained 10-0 until the fourth quarter when Bridgewater State – pinned on their own eight yard-line – marched 92-yards on 11 plays capped by an 11-yard touchdown run by senior Justin Fuller (Berkley, MA). The Bears rushed for 72 yards and McCarthy would complete a 20-yard flick to Chris Constantine (Hingham, MA) in the series.

Two stalled Westfield State drives sandwiched a Bridgewater State possession before the Bears found themselves on their own 14 with 4:28 remaining in the game. But the Owls forced the hosts to turn the ball over on downs as McCarthy was stopped inches shy of the first down marker by sophomore linebacker Kevin Duffy (Natick, MA) on a fourth and seven play from the 17-yard line.

After the visitors went three and out on their next possession, Bridgewater State had one more chance. With no timeouts, the ball on the BSU 26 and exactly 1:00 remaining, junior reserve quarterback Caleb Gelsomino (N. Scituate, RI) moved the chains twice on a pair of receptions by Constantine to get the ball to the Westfield State 33. But Gelsomino's desperation pass on the final play of the game was intercepted in the end zone by junior Erik Wellhoff (Natick, MA).



*The Owls celebrate after receiving the coveted Sodexo Trophy that is awarded annually to winner of the Westfield-Bridgewater game. Westfield has claimed the trophy three stra seasons and four of the past five years.* (Photo By Mickey Curtis)

Fuller rushed 18 times for 81 yards and a score to move into ninth place on both the Bears all-time rushing and scoring lists. Fuller now has 1,958 rushing yards and 163 total points in 17 career games at BSU. He passed Al Colarusso (1,891 yards) on the BSU rushing record book and Steve Washkevich ( points) on the scoring banner.

McCarthy rushed for 91 yards on 17 ca and also completed 10-of-19 passes for yards, but he was picked off twice. Consta was his top target with five catches fo yards.

Owl sophomore Brian Beauchemin (Ora MA) carried the ball 20 times for a team- 83 yards and Leung was 9-for-17 with yards passing.

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# Westfield claims third straight Sodexo Trophy over Bridgewater

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

After enduring a three game home losing streak, the Westfield State Owls football team traveled to Bridgewater last Friday for a crucial New England Football Conference Bogan league matchup.

It was a big night for the Bridgewater State Bears as the team was playing its first home night game ever at its new field. Westfield was able to come up with a 10-7 victory in a game where the Owls bent but did not break. One major key for Westfield in the win was the ability to create turnovers and force the Bears to throw it more than they would have liked to.

It had appeared that Bridgewater was going to march right down the field and score on

in the second quarter.

Kennan Startzell then knocked in a 34-yard field goal to give the Owls a 3-0 lead.

On the Bears' next possession, senior defensive leader Ryan O'Connell, who tried to out do his school record breaking fumble recovery from last week, also intercepted a McCarthy pass, which led to touchdown scoring drive when quarterback Tommy Leung hit tight end Jeff Winchell on a 11 yard reception for the score that gave the Owls a 10-0 lead at half.

In the second half, Westfield's offense stalled on many series and allowed the Bears to make a late comeback in the fourth quarter. With Bridgewater starting a drive on their own eight yard line, they moved the chains and marched

and threw for 102 yards but was intercepted twice in the first half.

*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Westfield State celebrates its win over Bridgewater.

After not being able to do much on the offensive side of the ball, McCarthy was replaced by the Bears backup quarterback Caleb Gelsomino, who almost brought his team back to tie the game. However.

who did not play in last Friday's game because of an apparent injury that was not specified. Leung played well in his second career start as he was 9 for 17 with 100 yards passing and the one score to Winchell.

After some early game struggles in the running

tackles as both Kevin Duffy and Justin Ehrhardt finished with 10 tackles each and Ehrhardt recovered a fumble as well.

The Owls next game is this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Alumni field against the prolific option attack of Maine Maritime. The Mariners are coming off their first loss of the season against Worcester State 39-22 and are 3-1 this year.

The Mariners were recently featured in an ESPN column focusing on their high powered option attack. Last year the Mariners beat Westfield and did that by rushing for 435 yards and passing for 0 yards.

Maine Maritime is led by senior quarterback Matthew Rende, who has run for 440 yards and five scores this season. Not to be outdone by Rende, the

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# WSU Stuns Coast Guard

## *Fumble Recovery Sets Up Game-Winning TD In Final*

NEW LONDON, Conn. – Senior quarterback Tyler Dow threw a three-yard touchdown pass to sophomore tight end Jeff Winchellwith 49 seconds left as Westfield State stunned the Parents' Weekend crowd and defeated Coast Guard 24-21 in a New England Football Conference (NEFC) Bogan Division game.

The stunning score was set up when Coast Guard, leading 21-17 with 1:49 left and Westfield out of timeouts, fumbled the second-down snap on its own three-yard line and the Owls recovered. The loss marked the third time this season that Coast Guard has lost a game in the final minute as the Bears dropped to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the NEFC Bogan Division. Westfield, which has had its share of tough setbacks (two overtime losses), is 3-4 overall and 2-2 in the Bogan Division.

Coast Guard had taken the lead, its first of the game, 21-17, on a 41-yard touchdown pass from senior Jarrod Owens to junior Eric Gerken with 4:41 left in third quarter. The Bears, however, were held to just one total yard of offense in five possessions after that touchdown.

The Coast Guard defense came up huge time-and-time again in the fourth quarter as Westfield State missed a 35-yard field goal on its first possession of the quarter. Then the Owls drove from their own 38 to the Coast Guard two-yard line where Dow was tackled at the one-yard line by junior Mark Bonner on 4th-and-goal with 10:04 left to give the Bears the ball.

The Westfield defense forced Coast Guard to a three-and-out and then took over on the Bears 28-yard line, but the Owls moved just four yards turning it back over on downs.

Once again, Coast Guard went three-and-out and the Owls moved from their own 40 to the Coast Guard 11-yard line when Bonner picked off Dow at the one-yard line with 1:58 left. It appeared Bonner's momentum took him into the endzone for a touchback, but the ball was spotted at the one-yard line setting up the fumbled snap and game winning touchdown for the Owls.

*Quarterback Tyler Dow, returning to the starting lineup after a two-game hiatus, threw career high 307 yards, including the game-winning touchdown with 49 seconds rema*
(Fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

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*Westfield State's Kevin Parnell racked up 219 all-purpose yards vs. Framingham State (100 receiving, 104 kick returns, 15 punt returns).* (File photo by Fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

# Westfield Rally falls short at Framingham

FRAMINGHAM – The Framingham State football team stopped Westfield State on 4th down with 28 seconds remaining to hold off the Owls and pick up a 27-24 victory Oct. 22 in New England Football Conference (NEFC) Bogan Division action at Maple Street Field.

The Rams improve to 6-2 on the season and remain undefeated in the division at 5-0. The loss drops the Owls to 3-5 overall and 2-3 in the Bogan Division.

Sophomore quarterback Dino Mancinelli (Madison, Conn.) completed 19 of 35 passes for 274 yards with a touchdown and an interception, while senior wide receiver James McCarthy (Newton, Mass.) made seven catches for 185 yards and two scores. Sophomore running back Melikke Van Alstyne (Salem, Mass.) rushed for over 100 yards for the 7th time this season as he collected 114 yards on the ground with a touchdown.

Westfield State, which led, 17-13, at halftime, scored on the opening possession when it drove 54 yards in eight plays. Senior quarterback Tyler Dow (Franklin, Mass.) completed a 24-yard pass to junior Kevin Parnell (Berlin, Conn.) to set up a 9-yard touchdown run by Michael Mercadante (Wilbraham, Mass.) that gave the Owls a 7-0 lead with 11:16 remaining in the first.

The Rams answered with a touchdown just under two minutes later. Mancinelli completturnover of the game in the opening minutes of the 4th quarter when Kyle Shonio (Swampscott, Mass.) intercepted Dow and returned the ball to the Rams 20 yard line.

Framingham State moved the ball down the field and capped the seven play 80 yard drive on Mancinelli's second touchdown pass to McCarthy. The 41-yard strike gave the Rams their largest lead of the game, 27-17, with 11:07 remaining in the contest.

The Rams defense followed with another interception – this one by sophomore Patrick McGrath (Everett, Mass.). The Rams moved the ball and chewed up clock before turning the ball over on downs on a 4th and goal from the four yard line. The Owls were pinned deep in their own end down two scores with 6:50 remaining.

After stopping the Owls on their first two downs, the Rams appeared to have their third interception of the game, but the play was negated on a roughing the passer penalty. The Owls took advantage and drove down the field, converting on a pair of 4th downs to keep the drive alive. Dow capped the drive with a 28-yard touchdown strike to Kevin Nicol (Wolcott, Conn.) with 2:08 remaining.

Trailing by three, the Owls had all of their timeouts and opted to kick the ball deep to the Rams. Van Alstyne rushed it on first and second down forcing the Owls to take a pair of time outs with FSU facing a 3rd and three.

# Maritime beats WSU in double OT

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WESTFIELD – Senior quarterback Matthew Rende rushed for 151 yards on 21 carries and scored two touchdowns to lead Maine Maritime Academy to a 36-34 double overtime victory over Westfield State University in a New England Football Conference Bogan Division game on Saturday.

The Mariners, who rallied from a 14-0 deficit, improve to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the Bogan Division. The Owls drop to 2-4 and 1-2. It was the second overtime setback in three weeks for Westfield, who lost at home to Worcester State in triple overtime, 42-40, on Sept. 24.

Rende turned in the biggest play of the game with 10:33 remaining in the fourth quarter when he ripped off a 74-yard touchdown run on a fourth-and-one situation from the Mariner 26-yard line. Rende broke thru the Owls' goal line defense and cut to his left, outracing a Westfield defender down the left sidelines.

Rende's long run made the score 21-19 as the Mariners had an extra point blocked by Owl defensive end Chris Walker in the third quarter. Maine knotted the score at 21-all when fullback Tom Marcisso rushed for the two-point conversion.

Maine had an opportunity to win the game in regulation but Michael Brennan's 36-yard field goal attempt was wide right with 4:53 remaining.

In the first overtime, the Owls took a 28-21 lead on a three-yard touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Steve Guercio to tight end Jake Storey in the back of the end zone. Kennan Startzell remained perfect in PATs this season by splitting the uprights.

*Westfield freshman quarterback Steve Guercio runs around left end during fourth-quarter action.* (Photo by Nancy Bals)

Maine Maritime tied the score at 28-28 on its first possession when Rende lofted a pass completion in the right flat to running back Nick Bourassa for a 24-yard pass-run touchdown.

Maine had the first possession in the second overtime and scored on the first play when Rende scampered 25 yards, breaking several tackles, for a touchdown.

In the all-important conversion attempt, the Mariners opted to go for two points and Marcisso bulled his way across the goal line from three yards out to make the score 36-28.

Westfield responded by scoring a touchdown on a 12-yard pass, rifled thru two defenders, from Guercio to Storey. The Owls were unable to convert the two-point conversion and Guercio lofted a pass to Justin Karrat in the right corner of the end zone that glanced off his fingertips.

The Owls started strongly, stopping the Mariners dangerous triple option while the Westfield offensive line opened huge holes for the running backs.

Westfield opened the scoring on its first drive on a 51-yard touchdown run by freshman Michael Mercadante, who rushed for a game-high 186 yards on 26 carries and two touchdowns.

Westfield took a 14-0 lead late in the first quarter on a 12-play, 55-yard scoring drive that was set up by a fumble recovery by defensive tackle Cam Green. Sophomore running back Brian Beauchemin, who finished with 65 yards rushing on 19 carries, scored from the two-yard line to make it 14-0.

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# Dow's return helps Westfield football get third win of season

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

Senior quarterback Tyler Dow returned to the starting lineup last week for the first time since the Western New England game three weeks ago and seemed to have a huge affect on the team that suffered a heartbreaking double overtime loss to Maine Maritime the week before.

Dow threw for a career high 307 yards passing yards, but no yards were more important than the three-yard touchdown pass he threw to Jeff Winchell to give Westfield a 24-21 lead over the Coast Guard Bears with 49 seconds remaining in the game.

Dow was also very fortunate that the Coast Guard made a crucial mistake late in the game after Dow threw what seemed like a game ending interception with 1:58 left in the fourth quarter to defensive back Matt Bonner at the Coast Guard one-yard line.

After a short Bears run on first down of the next possession, the Owls were forced to call their final timeout, undoubtedly ending Westfield's hopes.

But a bad snap from the center made quarterback Jarrod Owens fumble the ball and allowed junior defensive leader Justin Ehrhardt to recover the ball at the three-yard line, giving Westfield one last chance to win the game.

Early on in the first half of play it appeared that Westfield would have no problem with Coast Guard as Westfield moved the ball seamlessly down the field on its first possession and finished it off with a two-yard touchdown run by Michael Mercadante. Mercadante finished the day with 70 yards on the ground.

After a quick Jarred Owens touchdown run, his first of two on the day, Dow led the Owls once again with his arm, throwing a brilliant 31-yard touchdown pass over the middle to Kevin Nicol on a fourth down play. Nicol had seven grabs for 134 yards to lead the Owls.

After allowing the Coast Guard to take its first lead of the game on a 41-yard touchdown throw from Jarrod Owens to Eric Gerken late in the third quarter, Westfield's defense stepped up and only allowed one total yard of offense in the Coast Guard's next five possessions.

*photo by Fatdogfotos.smugmug.com*

Tyler Dow was back at quarterback for Westfield State.

Following the Owls' late score, the Coast Guard still had some time on the clock for a comeback and they almost did if it wasn't for Chris Walker and Gregg Jackson.

After returning the ensuing kickoff 27 yards, the Coast Guard was handed a gift from Westfield in the form of a 15-yard personal foul penalty that moved the ball to the Owls' 39 yard line with 41 second remaining.

But on the first offensive play of the drive, junior defensive end Chris Walker had a huge sack and made it so the Bears could only run one last play. Gregg Jackson halted any attempt of a Bears' comeback as he intercepted a pass on the 11-yard line to ensure a victory for Westfield.

With the victory, the Westfield's record now stands at 3-4 while the Coast Guard faltered to 1-5. Westfield heads up to Framingham this week to face the 5-2 Framingham State Rams, who are riding a four game winning streak, on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The Owls' defense must be ready to face the very dangerous Melikke Van Alstyne, who has run for 1105 yards and 15 scores. Last week in a win against Maine Maritime Alstyne rushed for 251 yards and five scores.

Stopping Alstyne will be a huge task for the Owls this week and if they are unable to do so then Westfield will be in for a very long day.

# Westfield football loses to Framingham as late rally falls short

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

After securing a victory two weeks ago in the final seconds of the game against the Coast Guard, the Westfield State Owls had another opportunity this week to do the same.

Unfortunately, luck did not go the Owls' way again and their late comeback was halted after the Rams of Framingham State stopped Westfield on fourth down with 28 seconds left in the game.

Linebacker James Muirhead sacked Westfield quarterback Tyler Dow on Westfield's last offensive play to seal a 27-24 Framingham victory.

Coming into the game, the Owls knew that they had to contain the Rams' offense led by sophomore running back Melikke Van Alstyne, who previously had run for over 1100 yards this year and had six 100-yard rushing performances.

On this Saturday, he was able to make it seven as Westfield's defense allowed Alstyne to rush for 114 yards and one touchdown.

Also helping the Rams offensively was the arm of quarterback Dino Mancinelli, who threw for 274 yards and three scores, with two of those score going to his favorite target James McCarthy, who caught seven balls for 185 yards.

Westfield's offense seemed once again to be finding a good rhythm throwing the ball as quarterback Tyler Dow was 20-36 for 256 yards and one score but had two costly interceptions.

Helping Dow was Kevin Parnell, who caught seven balls for 100 yards, in addition to his 104 yards returning kicks.

However, Parnell's effort could not save Dow, who faced heavy pressure throughout the game and was sacked six times, something that Coach Marino should not be happy about.

The running game that seemed to improve over the last couple of weeks reverted back to their old struggling ways, as the Owls were only able to accumulate 85 rushing yards, 60 of them coming from Michael Mercadante who also had one score on the day.

After taking a 17-13 lead into halftime thanks to touchdown runs by Mercadante and Justin Karatt, the Owls were very confident that they could pull off the big victory on the road.

The action seemed to really pick up in the fourth quarter when Dow threw interceptions on the first two drives of the quarter for Westfield, allowing the Rams to kill some clock and maintain their 27-17 lead.

But after that, the Owls' defense stepped up and ended Framingham's drive on the Owls four yard line.

After almost throwing a third interception that was eventually wiped out because of a penalty, Dow took advantage and led Westfield down the field to hit a wide open Kevin Nicol for 28 yards for the score.

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Westfield's Kevin Parnell

Westfield had one final opportunity after a crucial fumble by the Rams on the Owls 43 yard line, but the offense could not take advantage and the game ended. With the loss, the Owls now fall to 3-5 while the Rams go to 6-2.

The Owls play their final home game of the season on Saturday against Mass Maritime Buccaneers at 2:00 at Alumni Field.

It will be Senior Day, so the Owls will want to give their seniors a win as they play their last career game at home.

The Buccaneers come into this game with a 5-2 record and have a very stout defense led by Walter Butler who has 48 tackles, three sacks and has forced six turnovers on the year.

The secondary is also very strong as Eddy Ramos leads the team with four interceptions.

Westfield's offensive line needs to play better and give Dow more time to make throws to his open wide receivers.

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# Five Owls selected to All-Division team

Five members of the Westfield State University football team were first-team selections on the New England Football Conference (NEFC) Bogan Divison squad.

The Owls accorded first-team all-division status were: junior defensive end Chris Walker (West Springfield), senior defensive back Ryan O'Connell (Athol), sophomore tight end Jeff Winchell (Scituate, R.I.), junior punter Dan Dowling (Stoneham), and junior placekicker Kennan Startzell (Rockland).

Startzell had a stellar season, setting or tying six school records and leading the NEFC in field goal and placekicking percentage. The 5-7, 160 pounder led the Owls in scoring and ranked second in the NEFC in kick scoring with 56 points. He was Mr. Perfect on his extra points (26 for 26) and made 10 of 12 field goal attempts.

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O'Connell and Walker were first-team repeat selections. O'Connell set a school record by returning a fumble 89 yards for a touchdown; he ranked fourth on the team with 53 tackles (35 solo) and intercepted three passes.

"C-Walk" was dominant on the defensive line with 12 tackles for losses, five sacks, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, three pass breakups and one blocked kick. He was Westfield's sixth leading tackler with 39 stops.

Winchell was a key member of the Owls' balanced passing attack. The 6-4, 245-pound tight end had 25 catches for 329 yards and three touchdowns.

Dowling earned first-team honors in his first collegiate action as a punter. Also a starting linebacker for the Owls, Dowling only ranked fifth in the NEFC in punting average (36.0), but Westfield ranked second as a team in net punting (35.4) in the 16-team conference. Fifteen of Dowling's 49 punts landed inside

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# Startzell Named To ECAC All-Star Football Squad

Westfield State University placekicker Kennan Startzell has been selected to the ECAC Division III North Region All-Star football team.

The junior from Rockland, Mass., was a second team selection. Startzell had a stellar season, setting or tying six school records in leading the NEFC in field goal and placekicking percentage.

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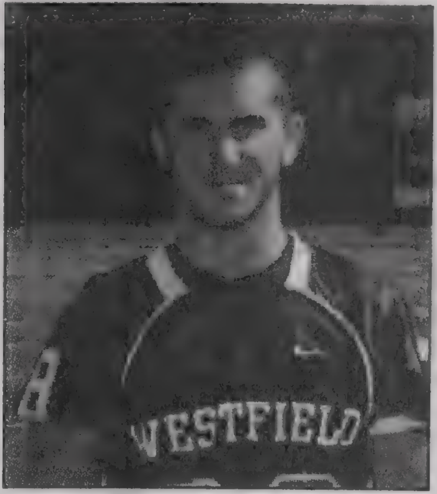

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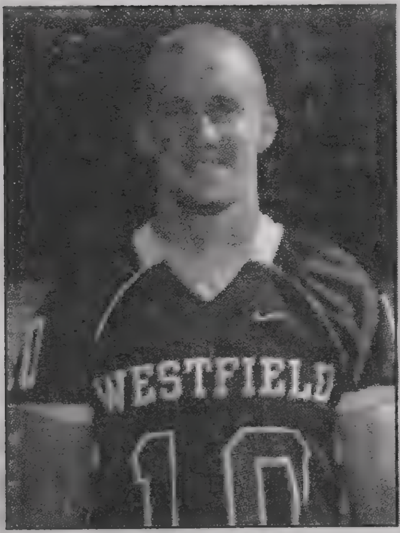

TYLER DOW

# Nine Owls Named To NEFC All-Academic Team

WESTFIELD – A total of 214 student-athletes, including nine from Westfield State University, have been named to the New England Football Conference 2011 All-Academic team.

To qualify for the team a player must have completed at least three semesters at the same institution with a cumulative of 3.0 or better grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale).

The Owl honorees are: senior Tyler Dow, sophomore Gregg Jackson, sophomore Joe Kreinsen, sophomore Dan Letteriello, senior Allyn Mathieson, sophomore Max Quirk, senior Jeff Smith, junior Chris Walker, and junior Erik Wellhoff.

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# Westfield football ends season on high note

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

After getting their first home win of the season two weeks ago on a snowy Senior Day against Mass Maritime 11-0, the Owls of Westfield State traveled to Fitchburg for their last game of the season last Saturday.

In a game that was basically decided at the end of the first quarter, the Owls dominated Fitchburg State 34-7.

Senior quarterback Tyler Dow threw for three touchdown passes in the first quarter alone, as he decimated the Fitchburg defense all day long. Dow threw for 197 yards and threw touchdown passes to Kevin Parnell, Kane Terilli, and Jeff Winchell.

Dow finished the year throwing for 1,513 yards and 10 scores, but those numbers probably could have easily been better if Dow didn't get hurt early in the season in a game against Western New England. But nonetheless the senior from Franklin was able to get the Westfield's record to 5-5 on the year, making it back to back years with that record.

*photo by Nancy Bals*

Westfield played through a pounding snowstorm to beat Mass Maritime on Homecoming and Senior Day.

Defensively against Fitchburg the Owls were helped mightily by Erik Wellhoff, who had a 35-yard interception return for a touchdown. Wellhoff had a team-high four interceptions this season and hopefully will return next year to help Westfield's defense, which will return leading tackler Justin Ehrhardt and Dan Dowling.

The Owls will lose nine seniors to graduation this year in Dave Conte, Tyler Dow, fullback Justin Karrat, Chris Landry, Anthony Laramee, Allyn Mathieson, defensive backs Ryan O'Connell, Dylan Smith and Jeff Smith.

Though the losses of these seniors will be huge for the Owls, coach Steve Marino should feel optimistic about next year's team. If the team is able to not lose any key players then they will return many key starters, as well as players who played significant time this year.

The offensive line will be more experienced, and Marino has a good one-two punch at running back with Michael Mercadante and Brian Beauchemin, who ran for a combined 1,011 yards with 12 scores between them this season. Also returning will be Kevin Parnell and Kevin Nicol, who each had over 400 yards receiving.

At the quarterback position coach Marino will have to make the difficult decision of deciding between two good players in Tommy Leung and Steve Guercio.

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# Banacos race to be held in November

The 33rd annual James Banacos 10 K (6.2 miles) Road Race will be held on Sunday, November 20, at 11:00 a.m. at Westfield State University.

Registration is from 9:45 to race time at the Woodward Center (athletics field house).

The registration fee is $8 for Westfield State students and $20 for all others. Official t-shirts will be given to the first 50 runners.

Contact Lou Ann Simchak at 413-572-5417 for more information.

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# Owls Leave 2011 with Stellar Records

By Mickey Curtis, Sports Information Director

**WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY COMPLETED** another highly successful sports season during the 2011 fall semester, highlighted by the women's soccer and women's volleyball NCAA Tournament teams.

degree and master's of business administration from American International College in Springfield, and he became a registered Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant at The American College in Pennsylvania. Dr. Healy was one of the original members of the department of economics and management at Westfield State. He advised clubs over the years and even served as the varsity ice hockey coach. Dr. Healy is proud to see how many of his students have become successful and says that "nothing was more important to him than trying to make a difference in the lives of his students."

**Dr. Stephanie Kelly** is a professor of geography and regional planning at Westfield State and has been teaching at the University for 25 years. She received her bachelor's degree from Bridgewater State University, her master's degree in environmental planning from Arizona State University and her doctoral degree in education from UMass, Amherst. In addition to teaching, Dr. Kelly coordinates the regional planning program, including its internship component. She also organizes activities for the regional planning advisory board. Dr. Kelly finds it rewarding to "follow students from their first days at Westfield State through their graduation and beyond by linking them up with potential graduate school placements and jobs."

**Dr. John Wagner** has been a professor of economics at Westfield State for 25 years. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from Kutztown University in Pennsylvania, and both his master's and doctoral degrees in economics from Temple University, also in Pennsylvania. Dr. Wagner developed a double major program that helps make students more marketable in their fields. For the past 10 years, he has been involved with student-organized football and kickball games with the math club, and Dr. Wagner also organizes an informal economics alumni dinner every few months so alumni can check in and keep in contact with one another.

**Dr. William Cook** is a criminal justice professor who has been teaching at Westfield State for 20 years. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, his master's degree in forensic psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York and his doctoral degree in criminal justice from the City University of New York. Dr. Cook's course specialties at the University are in terrorism, ethics in criminal justice and corruption and political crime. He was the co-advisor and co-founder of a Ham Radio Operators club on campus, and he received the John F. Nevins Outstanding Educator Award in 1998. Dr. Cook also had a career in the military, and after Sept. 11, 2001, he was recalled to active duty with the U.S. Navy and sent overseas on two deployments. He continued to assist students via email, however. Dr. Cook says he encourages his students to strive to do their best and not accept mediocrity.

**Dr. Roger Tudor** has been a professor of psychology at Westfield State for 20 years. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Florida and from the University of South Florida, he earned a master's degree in experimental psychology and a doctoral degree in education and applied behavior analysis. While at Westfield State, Dr. Tudor developed behavioral language programs for children with developmental disabilities, such as autism. He currently teaches classes in the master's program in applied behavior analysis. He enjoys face-to-face interactions with students about where their future will bring them.

The following professors also celebrated anniversaries this year, but they were unavailable for comment: Dr. Stanley Jackson, psychology, 20 years; Dr. Bradford Art, philosophy, 25 years; Dr. John Paulmann, communication, 25 years; Dr. Harold Stessel English, 25 years; Dr. Patrick Romano, [illegible] physical science, 40 years; and Dr. Frederick Harling, history 45 years. ■

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The women's soccer team recorded the first NCAA Tournament victory in program history by defeating Stevens Institute, N.J., on penalty kicks. The Owls' bid to advance to Sweet Sixteen ended when the team fell to Williams College, 2-1, in the second round. The team compiled a 15-4-2 record and won its third Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) championship in four years. The scoring leaders were juniors Kayley Miller, Leann Rivard and Brittanie McGregor, who were first-team all-conference selections. Miller and Rivard tied single-season school records with 42 points and 15 assists, respectively. Other all-conference honorees were senior defender Heather Dragon and freshmen Sarah Sypek and Ashleigh Chretien.

The women's volleyball team captured its third straight MASCAC championship and participated in its third consecutive NCAA Tournament. The Owls lost in the NCAA opening round to Springfield College, the top-ranked team in New England. First-team all-conference selections Alex Shaw and Kerin DeGirolamo finished their outstanding collegiate careers by setting school records for kills and assists, respectively. Also earning all-conference honors was sophomore Julia Warner.

The men's and women's cross country teams continued their winning ways by capturing MASCAC titles. The women cruised to their eighth straight conference crown led by freshman Amy Trainque, who placed second individually and was named the MASCAC rookie of the year. She was followed by freshman Olivia Marshall (third place), senior Marissa Bonito (fourth place), junior Rachael Cardin (sixth place), and freshman Nicole Foucher (eighth place).

The men's cross country squad captured its 24th title with a six-point victory over rival Bridgewater in the 41st annual MASCAC championships. Westfield placed all five of its scorers in the top 11, led by senior Jonathan Joyce (fifth place), junior Anthony Frissora (sixth) and Cam Fairbanks (seventh).

The field hockey team advanced to the semifinals of the conference tournament and tied a school record for victories in a season. The 12-7 Owls were led by senior standouts Jessi Gould and Nicole Gagnon. Gould tallied a team-high 26 points to finish her outstanding four-year career with 122 points, the second most points scored in school history. Gagnon anchored the solid Owl defense and scored eight points, including three goals on penalty strokes. Both were all-conference honorees, and Gagnon was selected to play in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association prestigious Senior All-Star Game. Also earning all-conference honors were senior goalie Amanda McCarthy and junior midfielder Lauren Tavares.

The men's soccer squad also posted a winning record (10-7-1) and was led by senior first-team all-conference selections Josh Severns, Justin Laliberte and Sam LaBonte.

The young and talented Westfield football team that included only nine seniors finished with a competitive 5-5 record, losing three games by a total of seven points including two overtime setbacks.

Five Owls were accorded first-team all-conference status: junior defensive end Chris Walker, senior defensive back Ryan O'Connell, sophomore tight end Jeff Winchell, junior punter Dan Dowling and junior placekicker Kennan Startzell.

O'Connell was also an All-New England All-Star while Startzell had a stellar season, setting or tying six school records. The 5-7, 160 pounder led the Owls in scoring and ranked second in the NEFC in kick scoring with 56 points. He was perfect on his extra points (26 for 26) and made 10 of 12 field goal attempts. ■

BIRTHPLACE OF BASKETBALL

*The 2011 Westfield State University women's volleyball team won its third straight conference championship and participated in its third consecutive NCAA Tournament.*

*Westfield State University women's volleyball all-conference players during the 2011 fall semester were, left to right: Kerin DeGirolamo, Alex Shaw and Julia Warner.*

*The Westfield State University women's soccer team won its third Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference championship in four years and advanced to the second round of the 2011 NCAA Tournament.*

# 2011 a Great Year for This Alum

## Coaching lacrosse his claim to fame

By Mickey Curtis, Sports Information Director

**IT WAS QUITE A YEAR** for Steve Duffy '91. The assistant coach for the Boston Cannons captured the 2011 Major League Lacrosse (MLL) championship in August, then in late November, he received national recognition when he was promoted to head coach. He was also inducted into the Waltham High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

Duffy's year to remember was duly noted by his Westfield State friends.

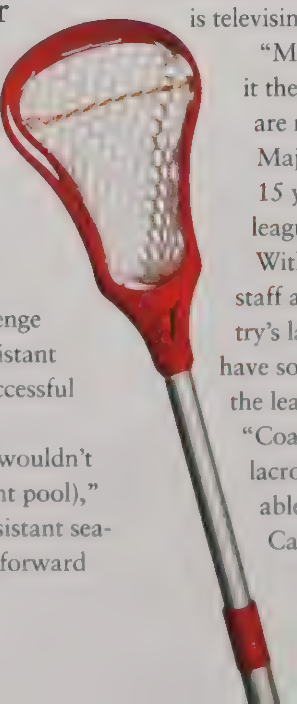
"I was inundated with phones calls, emails and text messages, and it was on Facebook," says Duffy. "It was pretty nice. I got tons of congratulations."

Duffy hopes his Westfield State classmates continue to keep in touch with him as he leads the reigning MLL champions. He is confident he is ready for the challenge after three years as a Cannons assistant coach and 18 years as a highly successful coach at Waltham High School.

"If I didn't think I was ready, I wouldn't have put my name in (the applicant pool)," he says. "The three years as an assistant seasoned me. I am definitely looking forward to it."

"Although we appreciate the interest of many other candidates, Steve's knowledge of our players and the other MLL teams, as well as his tremendous dedication to the Cannons organization, made him the strongest candidate from the beginning," says Cannon general manager Kevin Barney in the official press release announcing Duffy's hiring as head coach. "His experience with the Cannons will provide a seamless transition as we prepare for 2012."

Duffy is excited to be a part of the fastest-growing sport in the United States that features many outstanding athletes. The MLL is expanding from six to eight teams this year with long-range plans to increase to 16 teams. The league, which began in 2001, plays a rugged 14-game schedule beginning in late April and attendance is growing steadily. The Cannons play their home games at historic Harvard Stadium and average crowds in excess of 8,000. In Denver, the Cannons played in front of 27,000 lacrosse fanatics. In addition, ESPN is televising selected games.



"Major League Lacrosse is doing it the right way," says Duffy. "They are modeling themselves after the Major Soccer League. In 10 or 15 years, I believe the (lacrosse) league will be firmly established."

With a hard-working front office staff and based in one of the country's lacrosse hotbeds, the Cannons have solidified themselves as one of the league's top organizations.

"Coach Duffy's stature in the local lacrosse community will be invaluable as we continue to build the Cannons brand throughout the

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# Hall-of-Famer Earns Prestigious Hagan Award

By David Caspole '94, Westfield State Senior Development Coordinator for Athletics

**WILLIAM J. "BILL" MILLER '53,** a longtime member of the University's Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, has been selected as the winner of the James C. Hagan Award, for outstanding service and support of athletics at the University.

Miller has had a 70-year affiliation with Westfield State, first attending the Training School as a fifth-grader in 1941, then earning his bachelor's degree at what was then Westfield State Teachers College while competing as a member of the school's fledgling varsity programs in basketball and baseball.

Miller, who spent almost 40 years as first a teacher, then principal at Benjamin J. Phelps Elementary School in Agawam, renewed his acquaintance with Westfield State's athletic programs when attending the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in 1998, as his friend and teammate Chet Symancyk '53 was inducted into the hall. Miller was recruited to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee the next year and has been very involved with Westfield State's athletics program ever since.

"Bill's longtime involvement with Westfield State athletics makes him an excellent choice for the Hagan Award, which we consider one of the greatest honors that the Hall of Fame Committee can bestow on an individual," said Richard Lenfest, director of athletics at Westfield State. "Bill and his wife, Carol, are regularly seen attending games and have been regular supporters of the Owl Club booster club since we started it five years ago."

The Hagan Award was established two years ago and named for the first recipient, Westfield Bank President Jim Hagan '84, and honors individuals who have provided outstanding service and support to the athletics department at the University.

The freshman class directory in the 1950 yearbook called Miller a "Terrific basketball player . . . who sure knows his biology."

His basketball team posted a 15-2 record in 1950-51, which is still the best winning percentage in the history of the school. Miller played with Westfield State Hall of Famers Symancyk, Bob Farr '55 and the late Don Farr '57.

Miller's involvement with Westfield State winds through the very history of the University – his professors read like a who's who of the campus – President Edward Scanlon, Ed Welch, Theresa Lammers – all of whom have buildings named after them on campus.

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President Evan S. Dobelle, left, and William "Bill" Miller '53

# Nanci Salvidio Appointed to Senior Leadership Position

**Nanci Salvidio '73, M '84** has been named interim vice president for Alumni and Community Relations, replacing Ken Lemanski, who is now the interim president of St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine. With a bachelor's degree in social sciences and a master's in psychology from Westfield State, Nanci has had an incredible 38-year association with her alma mater. Her exceptional service to the University has included work as a counselor in the Urban Education program and as associate director of the Academic Center. Most recently, she served as executive assistant to the president and as associate vice president for Advancement and University Relations. Alumni and community members know Nanci for her grace, good humor and generosity. With a "trust your heart" philosophy that reflects her belief that "the heart already knows what the mind can dream of," she brings passion and broad vision to every task at hand. On April 13, at its annual spring conference, the Massachusetts Women in Public Higher Education recognized Nanci as a nominee for its first Phenomenal Woman Award. Congratulations, Vice President Salvidio!

*Pictured from left to right: Kevin Queenin '70, chair of Westfield State University Alumni Association; Judy Chelte '73; Ryan O'Connell '07, immediate past association president; Raymond Chelte '67; and Westfield State President Evan S. Dobelle.*

## Raymond Chelte '67: 2011 Westfield State Distinguished Alumnus

The Westfield State University Alumni Association honored Raymond Chelte '67 of Chicopee with its first Distinguished Alumni Award. The honor is a service award designed for an alumnus who has made an outstanding contribution to the community. Raymond accepted the award during the annual Alumni Homecoming weekend at Westfield State.

This year, Westfield State is searching for two distinguished alumni. Do you know an outstanding alumnus who received either their undergraduate or graduate degree from Westfield State? Consider nominating him/her for the 2012 Distinguished Alumnus honor.

The process is simple. Please find the nomination form at www.westfieldalumni.org/nomination. The deadline for nominations for 2012 is June 15, 2012. For more on Chelte, visit westfieldalumni.org/cf_news/view.cfm?newsid=20.

## Alumni Travel Takes Off

The Westfield State Alumni Travel program has successfully run a number of fabulous trips and plans are in place for more.

In addition to a Boston-to-Bermuda Cruise, May 25-June 1, 2012, we have scheduled the "Tuscan Experience" on April 20-29, 2013. Additionally, the Alumni Association will be sponsoring a New York State trip for October 4-8, 2012. See ad on page 35.

Travel is open to all alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Westfield State University. For more information, visit www.westfieldalumni.org/travel or contact Kathi Bradford, director of Alumni Relations at kbradford@westfield.ma.edu.

## Election Time is Fast Approaching....

If you are interested in serving as a member-at-large for the Westfield State Alumni Association, please contact our office right away! Nominations (either self or other) are due by June 15, 2012. You will find an online nomination form at www.westfieldalumni.org/elections. Please email Kathi at kbradford@westfield.ma.edu or call (413) 572-5404 with any questions about the process or your involvement.

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region," Barney says.

"Along with his coaching duties and community appearances, will be taking over as director of Cannons Camp, our series of educational summer programs throughout New England."

Despite Duffy's heavy workload with the Cannons, including drafting and evaluating college players, the head coach position is part-time. Duffy has been employed at Waltham High School for 20 years, 17 years teaching U.S. history and criminal law and the past three years as a vice principal. His is married to Marianne (Spignese) Duffy '91. Duffy did not play lacrosse at Westfield State – he was a standout defense end for the Owls football team – and he caught the coaching bug early in his teaching career at Waltham.

Duffy spent 18 years as the head coach of Waltham High School boys' lacrosse program. In 2001 and 2005, Duffy directed Waltham to the state semi-finals and the state championship game, respectively. He received the 1999 Boston Globe and Eastern Massachusetts Lacrosse Coaches Association (EMLCA) Coach of the Year Award. After developing Waltham High School into one of the best programs in the state, it was time for Duffy to make a coaching change because of his job commitments as vice principal. As a Cannon assistant, his primary duties were coaching the defense and making in-game substitutions.

"You are coaching some of the best athletes in the world, and you have to tell them when the best time is for them to be in or out of a game with split-second decisions and that can be a challenge," says Duffy.

Duffy's decisions will make an even bigger impact as head coach.

He will be coaching arguably the best player in the world, Paul Rabil, who played in college at Johns Hopkins. Many of the Cannon players are from perennial powers such as Duke, Cornell and Princeton and, like Duffy, they are part-time employees as the league salary cap for an entire team is reportedly $175,000.

The team meets for formal practice sessions on weekends and plays Saturday games. Most of the players have other sources of income. For example, they are college coaches, investment counselors and salesmen, and many also play in the national indoor lacrosse league. The highly acclaimed Rabil has endorsement contracts.

"These guys are professionals, but, like anyone else, they need to be coached," says Duffy. "And the guys who don't want to be coached won't be here. All of these guys are competitive and just want to play. They are tremendous athletes and very dedicated to what they are doing. A lot of it is because of their talent, but it's also a lot of hard work on their part."

Rabil and other Cannon stars, including attackman Matt Poskay and defenseman Mitch Belisle, applauded the front office's decision to hire the Westfield State graduate as their head coach.

"He took a blue-collar approach to the position, and that is kind of (the players) approach," says Poskay. "I think one thing that helps is that we are not a rebuilding team; we're just a reloading team, and we are as excited as Duff is to get going." ■

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Miller acknowledges that his interest in becoming a teacher stems from attending the Training School for middle school. The Training School, located at 27 Washington St. in Westfield, was owned by the University and used as a practicum for students who were studying to become teachers.

"I had a few really terrible teachers when I was in elementary school," said Miller. "But I had four of the best when I attended the training school, including Marjorie Williams, who's a member of the Westfield State Hall of Fame."

Miller said he was selected to give the graduation speech when his class graduated from eighth grade, even though he wasn't the valedictorian. "For a lot of people back then, eighth grade was as far as they went, so we had a graduation. I'm not sure why they picked the little Lithuanian kid to speak," he said, with self-deprecating humor.

"Tuition at Westfield was just $37.50 a semester when I attended," said Miller. "One of my proudest moments at Westfield was when I was one of three students chosen for Who's Who in American Colleges – Dan Dion, Marion Coach and myself – the last two of us of proud Lithuanian heritage!"

When Miller attended Westfield State, the basketball team would practice on the upper floor of the college building, which now serves as Westfield's City Hall.

"We mostly played at the old high school," said Miller, referring to what is now Westfield Vocational High School. "But after a year or two, one of the guys on the team was part of the National Guard, so we started to play our games at the Armory on Franklin Street before the guard's team would play."

"We spent my junior year writing letters to the legislature to keep the College open," said Miller. "There was a possibility the school would close, but eventually the legislature decided to fund the campus, which opened on Western Avenue a few years after I graduated."

Miller did play in the first game in the new Parenzo gymnasium in the fall of 1956 as a member of the alumni taking on the varsity.

After graduating from Westfield State, Miller enlisted in the U.S. Army 10 days before the end of the Korean War. After two years in the Army, he returned to his hometown of Westfield, where he applied for a job in the Westfield School district.

A day later he applied for and was given a job in the Agawam School District.

Miller's attendance at Westfield State began a family tradition. His daughter, Patricia (Miller) Cyranowski, is 1980 graduate of Westfield State, and now his granddaughter, Hannah Miller, currently attends.

"Back in 1976, when my daughter graduated high school, she wanted to be a teacher, but there were very few teaching jobs available then, and I tried to discourage her from choosing that field. Finally, I told her, "If you still want to be a teacher, you have only one choice for college: Westfield State College, and it came to be." ■

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Not unlike Coach Belichick and his "Belistrator," Gibbons and Farley demonstrate and explain to viewers how to make the players in the game run different pass routes, blitz, call an audible and recognize what the opponent is showing.

As MB Nation grew, word of mouth about Gibbons and Farley and their body of quality work eventually got back to EA Sports (Electronic Arts Sports), the manufacturers of MADDEN NFL. In 2011, Gibbons and Farley traveled to Orlando, Florida, to EA Sports to meet the people who actually make the game. They spent five days there, playing the game 10-15 hours a day, learning all of its nuances.

Prima Games, a subsidiary of Random House, learned of Gibbons and Farley from EA Sports and hired them to write "MADDEN NFL12 The Official Player's Guide," a 256-page how-to bible for the game.

"The book is focused on what we call the "five sets for success," says Gibbons. "Many that play MADDEN don't have an idea of how to play the game. They simply call one or two plays, and that's it. The five sets revolve around actual football knowledge that allows the players to have specific plays for specific situations in the game."

The guide has hundreds of photos of actual situations – all photographed by Farley – as well as player ratings, explanations of what to do in any situation and tips, all written and explained so that anyone from novice to expert will understand. It is written with an energy that pumps readers up, exciting them for what they are about to learn or try out for the first time.

To say the user guide is top-notch or awesome is an understatement. The love, passion and energy that went into it is evident on every single page. Gibbons and Farley give their readers everything they need to bring MADDEN NFL 12 as close to playing in a real NFL game as possible. One of the actual designers of the game commends Farley and Gibbons in the intro to the guide, stating, "They know the game in and out" and that players should "take their tips to improve their game."

Gibbons and Farley also created a website called "challenge85.com," on which the sole purpose is to play the Patriot's Chad Ochocinco in a game of MADDEN. "Over a year's time, nothing happened, but this past summer, a bunch of people messaged out to Chad, via twitter, to play us," says Gibbons. "Chad sent me his number and said he'd love to crush me in a game of MADDEN. Zach and I went to his house and played him in MADDEN... It was one of the cooler experiences we have ever had." (In case you're wondering how they fared against the Patriots wide-out, "We beat him pretty good," says Farley with a smile.)

Both Gibbons and Farley credit Westfield State for providing them with a quality education and think the friendships and self-growth they experienced there were the most valuable. "My time at Westfield State was an experience I wouldn't trade for anything," says Farley.

Visit Gibbons and Farley online at www.maddenbible.com. ■

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Downtown Art Gallery that relate to various cultures as well as the community of Westfield."

Smith was chosen to create this public mural because of hi exceptional landscape panorama skills. "John is an alumni of Westfield State, and in our mission to include alumni in our gallery agenda, we had an exhibition of his amazing paintings at the Arno Maris Campus Gallery a year ago," Lund says. "I was so taken by his ability to recreate visuals with mood that I thought he would be the perfect candidate for this mural.

"Our hope is to continue to culturally enhance Westfield, and, as a result, make it an exciting place to visit," Lund adds.

According to Chris Linquist, director of the Westfield Athenaeum, the mural will be permanently displayed on a wall behind the adult circulation desk. Smith will include an image of the Athenaeum when it first opened at its current location at 6 Elm St.

Smith got in touch with the library's archivist, Kate Deviny, and found pictures of the original Fowler-Gillett Homestead, originally built in 1838, that was converted into the Athenaeum at the turn of the century. "It's tough because there are only a few photos of the original, but that's what I will create a landscape out of. The painting itself will tie the history of the library to what it is today."

**Smith was chosen to create this public mural because of his exceptional landscape panorama skills. "John is an alumni of Westfield State, and in our missio to include alumni in our gallery agenda, we had an exhibition of his amazing paintings at the Arno Maris Campus Gallery a year ago," Lund says.**

"'Athenaeum' means 'place of learning' in Greek," adds Linquist. "The mural will depict a significant part of the Athenaeum's history."

Smith's intrigue for landscape painting stems from many moments spent with his father. "My dad would pull the car over on the highway to watch a sunset light up the clouds. That kind of light only lasts for 5 or 10 minutes, and then it's gone," he says.

Sunsets and sunrises are Smith's favorite moments to capture through paint and brush strokes. "As I continue to learn, I find the little details you leave out are what people's minds fill in," he says.

Smith's mural will be complete in the spring of 2012, and his work can be viewed at johnsmith8.com/paintings.html. ■

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**IT'S OFFICIAL.** Westfield State University has created a dynasty in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC). For the second straight season and the fourth time in five years Westfield State University claimed the MASCAC Howard C. Smith Cup.

The coveted MASCAC Howard C. Smith Cup is awarded annually to the member institution in the eight-team conference that compiles the most points based on the placement of each of its programs competing in the 15 league championship sports. Westfield State captured 80.8 percent (129.33 points) of a possible 160 points to easily outdistance runner-up Bridgewater State University, which claimed 70.8 percent (104.86 points) of a possible 148 points to finish second.

"On behalf of Westfield State, I am proud and honored to accept the 2010-11 Smith Cup," says Dick Lenfest, who became Westfield's Director of Athletics in June of 2005. "This award is very special for our student athletes and represents the overall success of our program in the MASCAC, and it also represents the hard work, commitment and teamwork of our coaches, student athletes, staff and administration."

"I would like to congratulate Westfield State's student athletes and staff on all of their athletic achievements," MASCAC Commissioner Angela Baumann said. "The Owls enjoyed another great year in winning eight MASCAC regular season championships, and their success is a testament to the hard work and dedication displayed by all student athletes in our conference."

It may have been Westfield's most dominating performance as it ran away with the Smith Cup crown with a strong finish during the spring season, winning conference championships in baseball, softball, men's track and field and women's track and field. During the past 16 years, Westfield State has won six Smith Cup crowns, finished second five times, and placed third three times. Westfield State won seven outright MASCAC titles and shared one championship in the following sports: women's cross country, men's soccer, volleyball, women's basketball, baseball, women's outdoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field and softball (co-champs). Placing second during the MASCAC regular season were: football, women's soccer, men's cross country and men's basketball.

The 21-6 women's basketball team posted an 11-1 conference regular season record, including two victories over Bridgewater State, but the Bears edged the Owls, 47-42, in the conference tournament title game. The baseball squad, which won the MASCAC regular season title for the fourth time in the past five years, lost twice to Bridgewater in the MASCAC tournament, including a tough 12-inning setback in the semifinals. The Westfield State softball squad dropped a 2-1 decision to Worcester State in the conference tournament championship round.

The Westfield State men and women regained their outdoor track and field championships after having their impressive conference streaks snapped in 2010. Westfield State men have won 14 MASCAC crowns in 15 years and 27 titles in 29 years. The Westfield State women have captured 13 of the past 14 MASCAC championships. The men's track and field team of veteran coach Sean O'Brien also regained the New England Alliance championship after a two-year hiatus by dominating the 11-team competition. The Owls have won 12 of 14 New England Alliance titles.

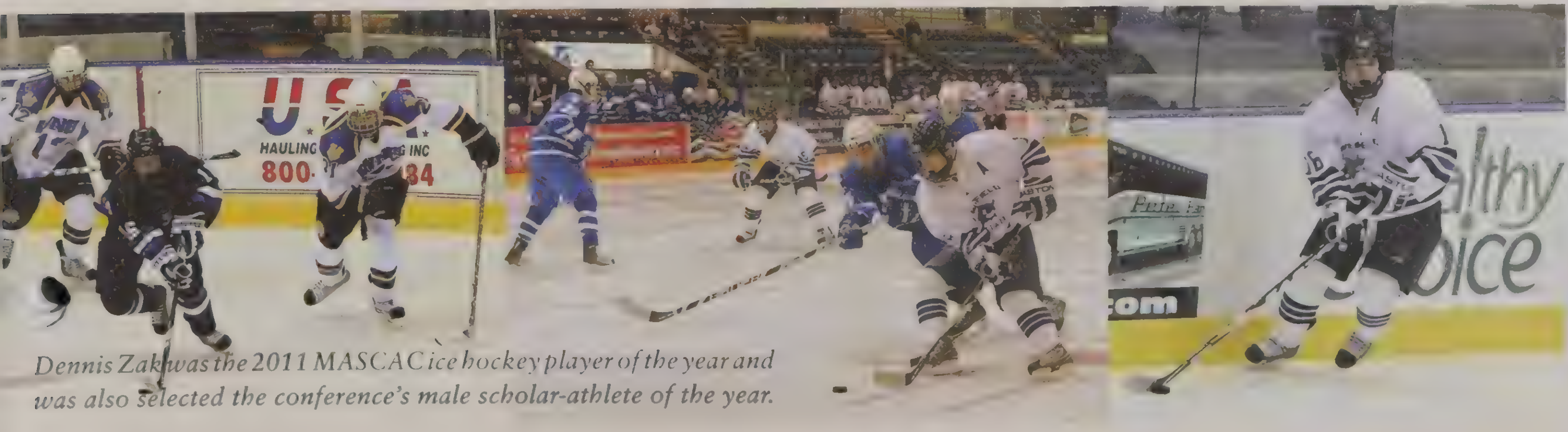
Maintaining its winning ways was the swimming and diving team of veteran coach Dave Laing. Westfield State compiled a 6-3 record for its 18th straight winning season and placed ninth in the New England championships.

The spring semester squads were led by a number of future Westfield State Hall of Famers. Westfield State women's track and field freshman sensation Targie Gervais earned All-America honors by placing seventh in the 100 meter dash at the NCAA Division III outdoor track and field championships.

Gervais shattered five sprint school records in her first collegiate season and was also a national qualifier in the 200 meter dash. She earned All-New England honors five times, including the 100 meter championship during the outdoor season.

Teammate Amanda Gricus just missed earning All-America honors by placing ninth in the 20-pound weight throw at the NCAA indoor championships. Gricus was the New England Division III weight throw champion.

Senior two-sport athlete Alicia Gardener



*Dennis Zak was the 2011 MASCAC ice hockey player of the year and was also selected the conference's male scholar-athlete of the year.*

completed an outstanding collegiate career and was the 2011 NCAA Woman of the Year nominee by the MASCAC. The NCAA Woman of the Year Award honors graduating student athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership.

A four-time all-conference infielder, Gardner owns a .356 career batting average and ranks highly in the following career school record categories: at bats (2nd, 419), hits (3rd, 149), doubles (5th, 23), triples (2nd, 17), RBI (5th, 76), and walks (1st, 67). In field hockey Gardner holds the school record with 28 assists and ranks seventh on the all-time scoring list with 60 points.

Two of Gardner's softball teammates also had stellar seasons. Junior Madeline Tomich was the MASCAC pitcher of the year for the second consecutive season. Tomich posted a 15-5 record and a 1.71 earned run average and recorded 131 strikeouts in 130 2/3 innings pitched. She ranks second in strikeouts (372) and third in victories (36) in Westfield's career record books.

Senior second baseman Kristyn Carroll, a first-team all-conference second baseman, batted .321 with team highs of 45 hits and 13 doubles and only struck out nine times batting in the leadoff spot. She tied the school record with 140 at bats this season and her 45 hits are the sixth best in school history. The slick-fielding infielder ranks highly in the school career record books in the following categories: games played (second place, 144), at bats (third, 392), hits (sixth, 119), and doubles (fourth, 27).

The Owl baseball team was led by All-New England second team pitcher Roman Mondalto. Mondalto recorded nearly one third of Westfield's 22 victories with a stellar 7-1 record. The transfer student from Northern Essex Community College posted conference shutout victories on three consecutive weekends in leading the Owls to the regular season championship.

During the MASCAC postseason tournament, the crafty lefty posted two victories and pitched the first four innings in a 6-2 victory over Bridgewater State that advanced Westfield State to a winner-take-all game in the championship round. Mondalto led the Owls in games started (10), earned run average (2.11), innings pitched (59.2), and strikeouts (51).

In hockey, Dennis Zak was named the MASCAC player of the year and selected to the New England Hockey Writers Division II/III All-Star team for the second time. Zak was a key member of the men's ice hockey team that was reinstituted as a varsity sport at Westfield in 2008 after a 20-year hiatus. The talented forward led the MASCAC in scoring (42 points, 18 goals, 24 assists) and ranked 11th nationally in scoring in 2011. Zak, who played his freshman year at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, finished his three years at Westfield State with 127 points, ranking ninth on the Owls' all-time scoring list. He ranks eighth in assists (78) and ninth in goals (49) on Westfield State's career charts.

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CUP

Two senior members of the women's lacrosse team — Laura Chiricosta and Rachel Dionne — also concluded outstanding careers. Dionne was a first-team all-conference selection four straight years. She scored 52 points (28 goals, 24 assists) d[illegible] the 2011 season and finished her outstanding four-year career with 274 points (180 goals, 94 assists).

Chiricosta was a three-time first-team all-conference honoree and a second-team selection in 2009. She led the Owls in scoring in 2011 with 65 points (43 goals, 22 assists) and ranks first on the university's career scoring charts with 209 goals, 98 assists and 307 points.

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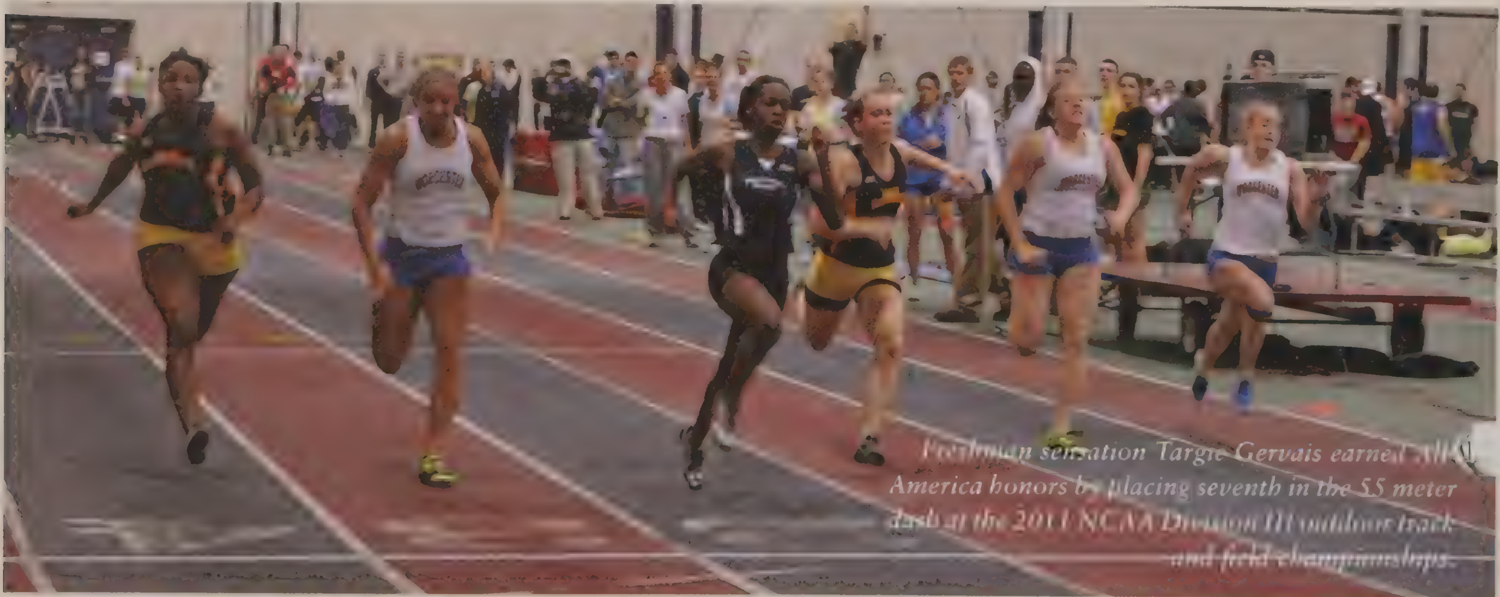
*Freshman sensation Targie Gervais earned All-America honors by placing seventh in the 55 meter dash at the 2011 NCAA Division III outdoor track and field championships.*

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Ashley Finnegan and Cassy Jouannet — the senior leaders for the MASCAC regular season basketball champions — were first-team all-conference selections. The twin towers teamed up to average 28.8 points and 19.3 rebounds per game.

Finnegan was second in the conference in both scoring (15.4) and rebounding (11.0). She ranked eighth nationally with 19 double-doubles during the 27-game season. Jouannet ranked third in the MASCAC in scoring (13.4) and fourth in rebounding (8.3). The senior inside tandem scored 417 and 361 points, respectively.

Matt Devine — the 2009-2010 men's basketball MASCAC Rookie of the Year — earned all-conference honors for the second straight season. The 6-foot-7-inch center led the Owls in scoring, averaging 13.3 points per game. He ranked first in the MASCAC in blocked shots (2.4) and second in rebounding (9.2). Devine has 130 rejections in two seasons, just nine shy of the school career record.

Sophomore Kim Schmidt nearly qualified for the swimming and diving national championships for the third straight season in defending her New England titles in the one and three meter diving. Schmidt was also honored as the New England and Little East Conference diver of the year.

Men's track and field standouts included Brendan Corcoran, the New England Division III 800 meter run indoor champion, Patrick Regan, who set a school record in the 1500 meter run, and Tom Gauger, who broke a longstanding school record in the pole vault.

The Westfield State athletics department's major award recipients were: Alicia Gardner (Female Athlete of the Year), Dennis Zak (Male Athlete of the Year), Rachel Ryan (Outstanding Contributor Award), and Cassy Jouannet (Peter Mazza Sportsmanship Award). The Westfield State Male and Female Scholar-Athletes of the Year were seniors Rachel Dionne (lacrosse/cross country), Kate MacLellan (soccer), and Mike Czupryna (soccer). ■

For the second straight season and the fourth time in five years Westfield State University claimed the MASCAC Howard C. Smith Cup.

# 2011-2012 Westfield State
# Men's Ice Hockey Schedule

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| Friday | Nov. 4 | vs. Western New England<br>@Mass Mutual Center, Springfield | 4:00 |
| Tuesday | Nov. 8 | at Nichols | 8:10 |
| Friday | Nov. 11 | at Utica | 7:00 |
| Tuesday | Nov. 15 | at Plymouth State | 6:00 |
| **Thursday** | **Nov. 17** | **WORCESTER STATE** | **7:35** |
| Saturday | Nov. 19 | at Framingham State | 7:30 |
| **Tuesday** | **Nov. 22** | **AMHERST** | **7:35** |
| Thursday | Dec. 1 | at UMass Dartmouth | 7:30 |
| **Saturday** | **Dec. 3** | **SALEM STATE** | **5:35** |
| **Thursday** | **Dec. 8** | **FITCHBURG STATE** | **7:35** |
| **Tuesday** | **Jan. 3** | **WILLIAMS** | **7:35** |
| **Thursday** | **Jan. 12** | **PLYMOUTH STATE** | **7:35** |
| Saturday | Jan. 14 | at Worcester State | 6:30 |
| **Tuesday** | **Jan. 17** | **FRAMINGHAM STATE** | **7:35** |
| **Thursday** | **Jan. 19** | **UMASS DARTMOUTH** | **7:35** |
| Saturday | Jan. 21 | at Salem State | 2:00 |
| **Tuesday** | **Jan. 24** | **WESTERN NEW ENGLAND** | **7:35** |
| Thursday | Jan. 26 | at Fitchburg State | 7:00 |
| Thursday | Feb. 2 | at Plymouth State | 6:00 |
| **Saturday** | **Feb. 4** | **WORCESTER STATE** | **5:35** |
| Thursday | Feb. 9 | at Framingham State | 7:20 |
| Saturday | Feb. 11 | at UMass Dartmouth | 4:30 |
| **Thursday** | **Feb. 16** | **SALEM STATE** | **7:35** |
| **Saturday** | **Feb. 18** | **FITCHBURG STATE** | **5:35** |
| **Tuesday** | **Feb. 21** | **FRANKLIN PIERCE** | **7:35** |
| Saturday | Feb. 25 | MASCAC Quarterfinals | |
| Tuesday | Feb. 28 | MASCAC Semifinals | |
| Saturday | March 3 | MASCAC Championships | |

# 2011-2012 Westfield State University Ice Hockey Roster

| NO. | NAME | CL | POS | HT | WT | HOMETOWN/AMATEUR TEAM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Brad Norkum | JR | D | 5-10 | 195 | Porcupine, ON/North Bay Skyhawks-NOJHL |
| 3 | Dave Ciminelli | SR | D | 5-9 | 180 | Coppell, TX/North Bay Skyhawks-NOJHL |
| 5 | Ian Reopel | SO | F | 5-8 | 185 | Springfield, MA/Green Mountain Glades-EJHL |
| 6 | Jeff Callahan | JR | D | 6-0 | 185 | Londonderry, NH/Valley Jr. Warriors-EJHL |
| 7 | Taylor Murphy | SO | F | 6-1 | 205 | Toronto, ON/Markham Waxers-OJHL |
| 8 | A.J. Shiverdecker | SR | F | 5-8 | 178 | Kettering, OH/North Bay Skyhawks-NOJHL |
| 9 | Josh McCully | SO | D | 5-11 | 195 | North Bay, ON/Motor City Metal Jackets-NAHL |
| 10 | Nic Vidoni | FR | F | 6-2 | 205 | Stittsville, ON/Carleton Place Canadians-CJHL |
| 14 | Rory Wilkowich | JR | F | 5-11 | 193 | Okotoks, AB/San Diego Gulls-WSHL |
| 15 | Peter Ranieri | FR | F | 5-11 | 180 | Oakville, ON/Brampton Capitals-OJHL |
| 16 | Tyler Prendergast | SO | F | 5-10 | 165 | Richmond Hill, ON/Whitby Fury-OJHL |
| 17 | Frank Zuccaro | FR | F | 5-6 | 178 | Newmarket, ON/Orangeville Flyers-OJHL |
| 18 | Pat Nelson | SR | F | 5-10 | 200 | Cary, NC/Queen City Steam-CSHL |
| 19 | Vince Perreault | SO | F | 5-11 | 205 | Braeside, ON/Kemptville 73s-CJHL |
| 20 | Todd Gebert | FR | D | 6-3 | 220 | Surrey, BC/Nanaimo Clippers-BCHL |
| 21 | Dan Loughlin | FR | F | 5-10 | 180 | Methuen, MA/New England Stars-IJHL |
| 22 | Adam Baldassarre | SO | F | 5-8 | 173 | Anmore, BC/Prince George Spruce Kings-BCHL |
| 23 | Lucas Romero | JR | F | 5-7 | 165 | Rancho Santa Margarita, CA/Pembroke Lumberkings-CJHL |
| 26 | Jason Nelson | JR | F | 6-1 | 195 | Raleigh, NC/Springfield Jr. Falcons-EJHL |
| 27 | Billy Miller | SO | D | 6-2 | 200 | Morgan Hill, CA/Alexandria Blizzard-NAHL |
| 29 | Eddie Davey | SO | G | 6-0 | 180 | Orangeville, ON/Abitibi Eskimos-NOJHL |
| 33 | Ian Wilson | SR | G | 5-9 | 170 | Tulsa, OK/North Bay Skyhawks-NOJHL |
| 35 | Justin Roethlingshoefer | JR | G | 5-10 | 185 | Edmonton, AB/Cornwall Colts-CJHL |
| 39 | Steve Evans | FR | F | 5-10 | 175 | Kingston, ON/Wellington Dukes-OJHL |

**Head Coach: Bob Miele (Amherst College, 2002), 3rd year**
**Assistant Coaches: Mike Young, Randy Hevey**
**Captains: Dave Ciminelli, Vince Perreault**
**Assistant Captains: A.J. Shiverdecker, Jeff Callahan**
**Trainer: Katie Sylvain**

**Eddie Davey, Westfield State (So., G, Orangeville, Ont.)** -- Registered 46 saves in Owls' 2-1 setback to 13th-ranked Williams.

# 2011-2012 Williams College Ice Hockey Roster

| No. | Name | Pos. | Year | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown/Previous Team |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Paul Steinig | D | 14 | 5-10 | 175 | Williamsville, NY/Canisius HS |
| 5 | Patrick Morrissey | D | 12 | 6-0 | 195 | Pelham, NY/ Governor's/ |
| 6 | Stephen Maier | D | 12 | 6-0 | 185 | Orange, CT/Hotchkiss |
| 7 | Justin Troiani | D | 12 | 5-10 | 185 | Woodbridge, ONT/ St. Michael's/ |
| 8 | Brian McNamara | D | 15 | 6-1 | 195 | Bronxville, NY/Choate |
| 9 | Ryan Scott | D | 12 | 6-6 | 240 | Whitefish, MT/ USHL/ |
| 10 | Nick Anderson | F | 14 | 6-1 | 190 | Port Coquitlam, B.C./Cowichan Valley |
| 11 | Craig Kitto | F | 15 | 5-10 | 175 | Ashburn, VA/NJ Hitmen |
| 12 | Peter Mistretta | F | 15 | 5-9 | 170 | New Canaan, CT/Taft |
| 13 | John Wickman | F | 13 | 6-1 | 195 | Dallas, TX/Bismarck Bobcats/ |
| 14 | Cody Skinner | F | 13 | 5-9 | 175 | Katy, TX/Deerfield Academy/ |
| 15 | Tucker Dayton | F | 14 | 5-9 | 175 | San Francisco, CA/Deerfield Academy |
| 16 | Bryden McGhee | F | 14 | 6-0 | 185 | Calgary, AB/Canmore Eagles |
| 18 | Eric Rubino | F | 13 | 5-10 | 185 | Woodbridge, ONT/St. Mike's/ |
| 19 | Mark Lyons | F | 13 | 6-1 | 200 | Calgary, AB/Brooks Bandits/ |
| 21 | David Jarrett | D | 15 | 5-10 | 190 | Edina, MN/Taft |
| 22 | Evan Dugdale | F | 13 | 5-9 | 175 | Glastonbury, CT/Deerfield Academy/ |
| 23 | Mike Brofft | D | 13 | 6-2 | 195 | Spring City, PA/Hill School |
| 24 | Matt Doyle | F | 14 | 5-9 | 170 | Glen Rock, NJ/Deerfield Academy |
| 27 | Alex DeBaere | F | 15 | 5-6 | 145 | Wayland, MA/Belmont Hill |
| 31 | Ryan Purdy | G | 12 | 5-10 | 175 | La Jolla, CA/ Exeter/ |
| 33 | Sam Kurland | G | 14 | 5-11 | 165 | Cumberland, ME/North Yarmouth Academy |
| 33 | Sean Dougherty | G | 15 | 5-10 | 175 | Smithtown, NY/Milton |

Head Coach: Bill Kangas
Assistant Coach: Mike Monti

RECORD: 5-1-2

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# Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

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## Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
## Men's Ice Hockey Standings (Through Games Played of December 11, 2011)

| | | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | Pts. | W | L | T | Pct. | W | L | T | Pct. | GF | GA |
| Plymouth State | 10 | 5 | 1 | 0 | .833 | 8 | 2 | 0 | .800 | 33 | 21 |
| UMass Dartmouth | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | .750 | 6 | 3 | 1 | .650 | 44 | 32 |
| Salem State | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .583 | 5 | 3 | 1 | .611 | 28 | 27 |
| Worcester State | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .417 | 4 | 4 | 2 | .500 | 29 | 24 |
| Fitchburg State | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .417 | 3 | 6 | 1 | .350 | 28 | 29 |
| Westfield State | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | .250 | 2 | 6 | 2 | .300 | 21 | 44 |
| Framingham State | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | .250 | 1 | 6 | 2 | .222 | 21 | 42 |

### MASCAC Men's Ice Hockey Player of the Week

**Kyle Greco, Plymouth State (Jr., F, Hillside, Ill.)** -- Netted pair of goals and assist for three points in 2-0 week for Panthers, including game-winning tally with three seconds remaining in 4-3 victory over Fitchburg State to go with helper on deciding marker in 3-2 overtime triumph over UMass Dartmouth.

### MASCAC Men's Ice Hockey Co-Goalies of the Week

**Ryan Williams, UMass Dartmouth (Jr., G, Milton, Ont.)** -- Posted 2.08 GAA and .937 saves percentage in 1-1 week for Corsairs, stopping 22 of 23 shots faced in 54 minutes of play in 9-4 victory over Framingham State while adding 37 saves in 3-2 overtime setback at Plymouth State.

**Bryan Kalczynski, Worcester State (Sr., G, Tonawanda, N.Y.)** -- Stopped all 30 shots faced to notch shutout in Lancers' 4-0 victory at Salem State.

### MASCAC Men's Ice Hockey Weekly Honor Roll

**Thomas McAleer, Fitchburg State (Sr., F, East Islip, N.Y.)** -- Netted three goals and pair of assists for five points in 1-1 week for Falcons, including pair of markers and two helpers in 7-1 victory over Westfield State.

**Mike Owens, UMass Dartmouth (Sr., F, South Boston, Mass.)** -- Collected hat trick and helper for four points in Corsairs' 9-4 victory over Framingham State.

**Jack Astedt, Plymouth State (Jr., G, Angelholm, Sweden)** -- Posted pair of victories to go with 2.42 GAA and .891 saves percentage in 2-0 week for Panthers, including 18 saves in 3-2 overtime victory over UMass Dartmouth to go with 23 stops in 4-3 triumph over Fitchburg State.

**John Cahalane, Worcester State (Sr., F, Tewksbury, Mass.)** -- Netted goal and assist in Lancers' 4-0 victory at Salem State.

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### LEFT WING

**39** **EVANS**
[illegible]

**18** Pat **NELSON**
SR
H: 5'10" W: 200
Cary, NC
Queen City Steam (CSHL)

**26** Jason **NELSON**
JR
H: 6'1" W: 195
Raleigh, NC
Springfield Jr. Falcons (EJHL)

**17** Frank **ZUCCARO**
FR
H: 5'6" W: 178
Newmarket, ON
Orangeville Flyers (OJHL)

### CENTER

**8** **SHIVERDECKER**
[illegible]

**19** Vince **PERREAULT**
SO *Captain*
H: 5'11" W: 205
Braeside, ON
Kemptville 73's (CJHL)

**7** Taylor **MURPHY**
SO
H: 6'1" W: 205
Toronto, ON
Markham Waxers (OJHL)

**15** Peter **RANIERI**
FR
H: 5'11" W: 180
Oakville, ON
Brampton Capitals (OJHL)

### RIGHT WING

**16** **PRENDERGAST**
[illegible]

**10** Nic **VIDONI**
FR
H: 6'2" W: 205
Stittsville, ON
Carelton Place Canadians (CJHL)

**14** Rory **WILKOWICH**
JR
H: 5'11" W: 193
Okotoks, AB
San Diego Gulls (WSHL)

**23** Lucas **ROMERO** JR
H: 5'7" W: 165
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
Pembroke Lumberkings (CJHL)

### LEFT DEFENSE

**27** **MILLER**
[illegible]

**6** Jeff **CALLAHAN**
JR *Alternate Captain*
H: 6'1" W: 185
Londonderry, NH
Valley Jr.Warriors (EJHL)

**20** Todd **GEBERT**
FR
H: 6'3" W: 220
Surrey, BC
Nanimo Clippers (BCHL)

### RIGHT DEFENSE

**3** **CIMINELLI**
[illegible]

**2** Brad **NORKUM**
JR
H:5'10" W: 195
Porcupine, ON
North Bay Skyhawks (NOJHL)

**9** Josh **McCULLY**
SO
H: 5'11" W: 195
North Bay, ON
Motor City Metal Jackets (NAHL)

### GOALTENDERS

**29** **DAVEY**
[illegible]

**33** Ian **WILSON**
SR
H: 5'9" W: 170
Tulsa, OK
North Bay Skyhawks (NOJHL)

**35** Justin **ROETHLINGSHOEFER**
JR
H:5'10" W: 185
Edmonton, AB
Cornwall Colts (CJHL)

### NOT DRESSING

| | |
|---|---|
| **21** | Danny Loughlin |
| **22** | Adam Baldassarre |

### Owls STAFF

| | |
|---|---|
| Head Coach | Bob Miele (Amherst '02) |
| Assistant Coaches | Mike Young (Westfield '10) |
| | Randy Hevey (Norwich '03) |
| Athletic Trainer | Katie Sylvain (Westfield '09) |

**23**

Lucas **ROMERO** [illegible]
H: 5'7" W: 165
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA /
Pembroke Lumberkings (CJHL)

**26**

Jason **NELSON** JR
H: 6'1" W: 195
Raleigh, NC /
Springfield Jr. Falcons (EJHL)

**5**

Ian **REOPEL** [illegible]
H: 5'8" W: 185
Springfield, MA /
Green Mountain Glades (EJHL)

**16**

Tyler **PRENDERGAST** FR
H: 5'10" W: 165
Richmond Hill, ON /
Whitby Fury (OJHL)

**3**

Dave **CIMINELLI** SR
H: 5'9" W: 180
Coppell, TX /
North Bay Skyhawks (NOJHL)

**39**

Steve **EVANS** FR
H: 5'10" W: 175
Kingston, ON /
Wellington Dukes (OJHL)

**29**

[illegible] **DAVEY** [illegible]
H: 6'0" W: 180
Orangeville, ON /
Abitibi Eskimos (NOJHL)

**18**

Pat **NELSON** [illegible]
H: 5'10" W: 200
Cary, NC /
Queen City Steam (CSHL)

**2**

Brad **NORKUM** [illegible]
H: 5'10" W: 195
Porcupine, ON /
North Bay Skyhawks (NOJHL)

SCHEDULE WSU ICE HOCKEY CLUB
2011-2012

| DATE | TEAM | TIME | LOCATION | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SATURDAY OCTOBER 15 | MERRIMACK | 5:00 PM | HOME | AMELIA PARK, WESTFIELD |
| SATURDAY OCTOBER 22 | ST. ANSELM | 5:00 PM | HOME | AMELIA PARK, WESTFIELD |
| SUNDAY OCTOBER 23 | ST. ANSELM | 5:00 PM | AWAY | SULLIVAN ARENA, NH |
| SATURDAY OCTOBER 29 | KEENE STATE | 5:00 PM | AWAY | CUSHING ACADEMY, ASHBURNHAM, MA |
| SUNDAY OCTOBER 30 | MIT | 4:00 PM | HOME | AMELIA PARK, WESTFIELD |
| SATURDAY NOVEMBER 05 | BRIDGEWATER ST | 5:00 PM | HOME | AMELIA PARK, WESTFIELD |
| SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13 | EASTERN CT | 4:00 PM | HOME | AMELIA PARK, WESTFIELD |
| FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18 | WPI | 8:30 PM | AWAY | |
| SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19 | BATES | 5:00 PM | HOME | AMELIA PARK, WESTFIELD |
| SATURDAY DECEMBER 03 | HARVARD | 4:00 PM | AWAY | BRIGHT HKY CTR |
| SUNDAY DECEMBER 04 | SACRED HEART | 8:30 PM | AWAY | BRIDGEPORT WONDERLAND |
| FRIDAY DECEMBER 09 | EASTERN CT | 9:00 PM | AWAY | SOUTH WINDSOR ARENA, CT |
| SATURDAY JANUARY 21 | SACRED HEART | 5:00 PM | HOME | AMELIA PARK, WESTFIELD |
| SATURDAY JANUARY 28 | HARVARD | 5:00 PM | HOME | AMELIA PARK, WESTFIELD |
| FRIDAY FEBRUARY 03 | BATES | | AWAY | |
| SUNDAY FEBRUARY 05 | BRIDGEWATER ST | | AWAY | |
| FRIDAY FEBRUARY10 | MERRIMACK | 8:30 PM | AWAY | MERRIMACK COLLEGE |

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## Men's Ice Hockey Standings (Through Games Played of February 12, 2012)

| | Conference | | | | | Overall | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | Pts. | W | L | T | Pct. | W | L | T | Pct. | GF | GA |
| Plymouth State | 22 | 10 | 3 | 2 | .733 | 13 | 6 | 2 | .667 | 65 | 49 |
| Salem State | 21 | 9 | 3 | 3 | .700 | 12 | 7 | 3 | .614 | 77 | 61 |
| UMass Dartmouth | 18 | 8 | 5 | 2 | .600 | 13 | 7 | 2 | .636 | 84 | 63 |
| Fitchburg State | 16 | 7 | 6 | 2 | .533 | 8 | 11 | 3 | .432 | 58 | 66 |
| Worcester State | 12 | 5 | 9 | 2 | .375 | 8 | 11 | 3 | .432 | 55 | 57 |
| Westfield State | 10 | 3 | 9 | 4 | .312 | 5 | 12 | 5 | .341 | 56 | 83 |
| Framingham State | 9 | 3 | 10 | 3 | .281 | 4 | 13 | 4 | .286 | 51 | 84 |

### MASCAC Men's Ice Hockey Co-Players of the Week

**Phil Arnone, Plymouth State (So., F, Litchfield, N.H.)** -- Netted pair of goals, including game-winner in closing minutes, and added assist for three points in Panthers' 4-3 come-from-behind victory at Salem State.

**Steve Evans, Westfield State (Fr., F, Kingston, Ont.)** -- Collected four goals and assist for five points in 0-0-2 week for Owls, including hat trick and helper in 5-5 draw at Framingham State to go with lone tally in 1-1 deadlock at UMass Dartmouth.

### MASCAC Men's Ice Hockey Goalie of the Week

**Eddie Davey, Westfield State (So., G, Orangeville, Ont.)** -- Stopped 48 of 49 shots for Owls in 1-1 draw at UMass Dartmouth.

### MASCAC Men's Ice Hockey Weekly Honor Roll

**Trevor Lawler, Fitchburg State (Jr., F, Fitchburg, Mass.)** -- Netted pair of goals and assist for three points in 0-2 week for Falcons, tallying twice in 3-2 overtime setback to Assumption and adding helper in 6-3 setback to Worcester State.

**Nick Cafrelli, Framingham State (So., G, San Jose, Calif.)** -- Posted win and tie to go with 3.84 GAA and .900 saves percentage in 1-0-1 week for Rams, including 38 stops in 5-5 draw with Westfield State to go with 34 saves in 4-3 triumph at Worcester State.

**Brendan McCarron, Framingham State (Fr., F, Millbury, Mass.)** -- Collected goal and two assists for three points in 1-0-1 week for Rams, including marker and helper in 4-3 victory at Worcester State.

**Nick Lampson, Salem State (Jr., F, Groton, Mass.)** -- Tallied four special teams goals, including pair of power play goals and two shorthanded markers, in Vikings' 6-1 victory at UMass Dartmouth.

**John Cahalane, Worcester State (Sr., F, Tewksbury, Mass.)** -- Notched pair of goals and two assists for four points in 1-1 week for Lancers, including two tallies and helper in 6-3 victory at Fitchburg State.

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Westfield State University SENIORS: First row, left to right, Ian Wilson, Justin Roethlingshoefer. Second row: assistant coach Mike Young, A.J. Shiverdecker, Dave Ciminelli, Pat Nelson, head coach Bob Miele.

## Franklin Pierce University
## vs. Westfield State University

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012
Amelia Park Arena
Westfield, Mass.

# 2011-2012 Westfield State Men's Ice Hockey Schedule

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| Friday | Nov. 4 | vs. Western New England @Mass Mutual Center, Springfield | 4:00 |
| Tuesday | Nov. 8 | at Nichols | 8:10 |
| Friday | Nov. 11 | at Utica | 7:00 |
| Tuesday | Nov. 15 | at Plymouth State | 6:00 |
| **Thursday** | **Nov. 17** | **WORCESTER STATE** | **7:35** |
| Saturday | Nov. 19 | at Framingham State | 7:30 |
| **Tuesday** | **Nov. 22** | **AMHERST** | **7:35** |
| Thursday | Dec. 1 | at UMass Dartmouth | 7:30 |
| **Saturday** | **Dec. 3** | **SALEM STATE** | **5:35** |
| **Thursday** | **Dec. 8** | **FITCHBURG STATE** | **7:35** |
| **Tuesday** | **Jan. 3** | **WILLIAMS** | **7:35** |
| **Thursday** | **Jan. 12** | **PLYMOUTH STATE** | **7:35** |
| Saturday | Jan. 14 | at Worcester State | 6:30 |
| **Tuesday** | **Jan. 17** | **FRAMINGHAM STATE** | **7:35** |
| **Thursday** | **Jan. 19** | **UMASS DARTMOUTH** | **7:35** |
| Saturday | Jan. 21 | at Salem State | 2:00 |
| **Tuesday** | **Jan. 24** | **WESTERN NEW ENGLAND** | **7:35** |
| Thursday | Jan. 26 | at Fitchburg State | 7:00 |
| Thursday | Feb. 2 | at Plymouth State | 6:00 |
| **Saturday** | **Feb. 4** | **WORCESTER STATE** | **5:35** |
| Thursday | Feb. 9 | at Framingham State | 7:20 |
| Saturday | Feb. 11 | at UMass Dartmouth | 4:30 |
| **Thursday** | **Feb. 16** | **SALEM STATE – Pink In Rink Game** | **7:35** |
| **Saturday** | **Feb. 18** | **FITCHBURG STATE – Senior Day** | **5:35** |
| **Tuesday** | **Feb. 21** | **FRANKLIN PIERCE** | **7:35** |
| Saturday | Feb. 25 | MASCAC Quarterfinals @UMass Dartmouth | 4:30 |

# 2011-2012 Westfield State University Ice Hockey Roster

| NO. | NAME | CL | POS | HT | WT | HOMETOWN/AMATEUR TEAM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Brad Norkum | JR | D | 5-10 | 195 | Porcupine, ON/North Bay Skyhawks-NOJHL |
| 3 | Dave Ciminelli | SR | D | 5-9 | 180 | Coppell, TX/North Bay Skyhawks-NOJHL |
| 4 | Dave O'Connor | FR | D | 5-8 | 160 | South Windsor, CT/Washington Jr. Nationals-AJHL |
| 6 | Jeff Callahan | JR | D | 6-0 | 185 | Londonderry, NH/Valley Jr. Warriors-EJHL |
| 7 | Taylor Murphy | SO | F | 6-1 | 205 | Toronto, ON/Markham Waxers-OJHL |
| 8 | A.J. Shiverdecker | SR | F | 5-8 | 178 | Kettering, OH/North Bay Skyhawks-NOJHL |
| 9 | Josh McCully | SO | D | 5-11 | 195 | North Bay, ON/Motor City Metal Jackets-NAHL |
| 10 | Nic Vidoni | FR | F | 6-2 | 205 | Stittsville, ON/Carleton Place Canadians-CJHL |
| 14 | Rory Wilkowich | JR | F | 5-11 | 193 | Okotoks, AB/San Diego Gulls-WSHL |
| 15 | Peter Ranieri | FR | F | 5-11 | 180 | Oakville, ON/Brampton Capitals-OJHL |
| 16 | Tyler Prendergast | SO | F | 5-10 | 165 | Richmond Hill, ON/Whitby Fury-OJHL |
| 17 | Frank Zuccaro | FR | F | 5-6 | 178 | Newmarket, ON/Orangeville Flyers-OJHL |
| 18 | Pat Nelson | SR | F | 5-10 | 200 | Cary, NC/Queen City Steam-CSHL |
| 19 | Vince Perreault | SO | F | 5-11 | 205 | Braeside, ON/Kemptville 73s-CJHL |
| 20 | Todd Gebert | FR | D | 6-3 | 220 | Surrey, BC/Nanaimo Clippers-BCHL |
| 21 | Dan Loughlin | FR | F | 5-10 | 180 | Methuen, MA/New England Stars-IJHL |
| 22 | Adam Baldassarre | SO | F | 5-8 | 173 | Anmore, BC/Prince George Spruce Kings-BCHL |
| 23 | Lucas Romero | JR | F | 5-7 | 165 | Rancho Santa Margarita, CA/Pembroke Lumberkings-CJHL |
| 26 | Jason Nelson | JR | F | 6-1 | 195 | Raleigh, NC/Springfield Jr. Falcons-EJHL |
| 27 | Billy Miller | SO | D | 6-2 | 200 | Morgan Hill, CA/Alexandria Blizzard-NAHL |
| 29 | Eddie Davey | SO | G | 6-0 | 180 | Orangeville, ON/Abitibi Eskimos-NOJHL |
| 33 | Ian Wilson | SR | G | 5-9 | 170 | Tulsa, OK/North Bay Skyhawks-NOJHL |
| 35 | Justin Roethlingshoefer | JR | G | 5-10 | 185 | Edmonton, AB/Cornwall Colts-CJHL |
| 39 | Steve Evans | FR | F | 5-10 | 175 | Kingston, ON/Wellington Dukes-OJHL |

**Head Coach: Bob Miele (Amherst College, 2002), 3rd year**
**Assistant Coaches: Mike Young, Randy Hevey**
**Captains: Dave Ciminelli, Vince Perreault**
**Assistant Captains: A.J. Shiverdecker, Jeff Callahan**
**Trainer: Katie Sylvain**

# 2011-12 Franklin Pierce University
# Men's Ice Hockey Roster

| No. | Name | Yr. | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown/Previous Team |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Dave O'Brien | So. | G | 5-10 | 180 | Groton, Mass./Northern Cyclones |
| 2 | Kevin Quinn | Sr. | F | 5-10 | 200 | West Linn, Ore./Seattle Totems |
| 3 | Tyler Cornele | Jr. | D | 5-11 | 195 | Cape Coral, Fla./The Winchendon School |
| 4 | Kyle Craig | So. | D | 6-1 | 195 | Quincy, Mass./Boston Bulldogs |
| 5 | Matt Lopes | Jr. | D | 6-1 | 175 | Auburn, N.H./Portland Jr. Pirates |
| 6 | Wes Russell | Jr. | D | 6-0 | 210 | Marlboro, Mass./Boston Jr. Bruins |
| 7 | T.J. Dineen | So. | D | 6-0 | 200 | Amherst, Mass./New England Jr. Huskies |
| 8 | Bill Sullivan | Sr. | F | 5-7 | 175 | Pittsburgh, Pa./Pittsburgh Jr. Penguins |
| 9 | Nate Ashley | Jr. | F | 5-7 | 175 | Ogdensburg, N.Y./Nat'l Sports Academy |
| 10 | Dino Federico | Jr. | F | 5-10 | 175 | Canton, Mass./Walpole Express |
| 11 | Sean Dunn | Jr. | F | 5-9 | 160 | Quincy, Mass./Utica College |
| 12 | Tom Mills | Jr. | F | 5-11 | 185 | Oxford, England/Northwood Prep. (N.Y.) |
| 13 | Justin Adams | Sr. | F | 6-0 | 180 | Homer, Alaska/Eugene Generals |
| 14 | Anthony Chighisola | Sr. | F | 5-9 | 190 | Whitman, Mass./Williston Northampton |
| 15 | Adam Dallaire | Jr. | F | 6-0 | 175 | Waltham, Mass./The Winchendon School |
| 16 | Andrew Dadds | So. | D | 5-11 | 190 | Mount Ephraim, N.J./New Hampshire Jr. Monarchs |
| 17 | Bryan Colella | So. | F | 6-0 | 200 | Medfield, Mass./CD Selects |
| 18 | Tim Sullivan | Fr. | F | 6-0 | 160 | Rye, N.H./Kents Hill (Maine) |
| 19 | Roscoe Sweeney | Jr. | F | 5-9 | 160 | Falmouth, Mass./Boston Jr. Bruins |
| 20 | G.I. Main | Jr. | D | 6-1 | 200 | Ottawa, Ontario/Morrisville State |
| 21 | Teddy Walsh | So. | F | 5-9 | 185 | Quincy, Mass./Bay State Breakers |
| 22 | Michael Carr | Jr. | F | 5-9 | 175 | South Boston, Mass./New Hampton (N.H.) School |
| 23 | Brendan McCarron | Jr. | D | 5-10 | 175 | Andover, Mass./Central Catholic |
| 24 | Brendan Moore | Fr. | F | 5-9 | 175 | Springfield, Mass./Bridgton Academy (Maine) |
| 25 | Brendan FitzPatrick | Fr. | D | 6-2 | 190 | Winthrop, Mass./Bridgton Academy (Maine) |
| 26 | Ryo Miyazaki | Jr. | F | 5-10 | 170 | Tokyo, Japan/Hoosac School (N.Y.) |
| 27 | Brandon Dennis | So. | F | 5-10 | 150 | Williamsport, Md./Smiths Falls Bears |
| 28 | Trevor Paquet | Fr. | D | 6-0 | 240 | Hooksett, N.H./New Hampton (N.H.) School |
| 29 | Tim Haroules | Fr. | D | 5-11 | 190 | Westford, Mass./New England Jr. Stars |
| 30 | Pat Dunn | Jr. | G | 5-10 | 185 | Quincy, Mass./Utica College |
| 31 | Ben Siok | Sr. | G | 5-9 | 180 | Holden, Mass./St. John's Shrewsbury |
| 32 | Stew Wise | Fr. | G | 5-10 | 180 | Angier, N.C./CD Selects |
| 41 | Patrick Shortt | Sr. | F | 5-9 | 175 | New Haven, Conn./New Hampton (N.H.) School |
|  | Bryan Gillentine | Fr. | F | 5-11 | 165 | Atlanta, Ga./Kent Hills (Maine) |

**Head Coach:** Jaymie Harrington (fourth season, Canisius '07)
**Assistant Coaches:** Shom Datta (first season, Hamline '98)
**Team Captain:** Roscoe Sweeney
**Alternate Captains:** Justin Adams
**Team Manager:** Kyle Quinn
**Athletic Trainer:** Christine Levreault (sixth year, Northeastern '02)

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## Men's Ice Hockey Standings (Through Games Played of February 19, 2012)

| | | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | Pts. | W | L | T | Pct. | W | L | T | Pct. | GF | GA |
| Plymouth State* | 26 | 12 | 3 | 2 | .765 | 15 | 6 | 2 | .696 | 72 | 53 |
| Salem State | 23 | 10 | 4 | 3 | .676 | 13 | 8 | 3 | .604 | 89 | 68 |
| UMass Dartmouth | 20 | 9 | 6 | 2 | .588 | 14 | 8 | 2 | .625 | 92 | 69 |
| Fitchburg State | 18 | 8 | 7 | 2 | .529 | 9 | 12 | 3 | .438 | 67 | 76 |
| Worcester State | 12 | 5 | 10 | 2 | .353 | 8 | 12 | 3 | .413 | 59 | 62 |
| Westfield State | 12 | 4 | 10 | 4 | .333 | 6 | 13 | 5 | .354 | 63 | 92 |
| Framingham State | 9 | 3 | 11 | 3 | .265 | 5 | 14 | 4 | .304 | 57 | 92 |

**MASCAC Regular Season Champions*

## MASCAC Men's Ice Hockey Player of the Week

**Nick Lampson, Salem State (Jr., F, Groton, Mass.)** -- Collected three goals and three assists for six points in 1-1 week for Vikings, including marker and pair of helpers in 8-2 victory over Framingham State to go with two tallies and assist in 5-4 overtime setback at Westfield State.

## MASCAC Men's Ice Hockey Goalie of the Week

**Jack Astedt, Plymouth State (Jr., G, Angelholm, Sweden)** -- Posted pair of wins to go with 1.98 GAA and a .925 saves percentage in 2-0 week for regular season champion Panthers, stopping all 24 shots in 2-0 triumph over UMass Dartmouth to go with 25 saves in 5-4 overtime victory at Worcester State.

## MASCAC Men's Ice Hockey Weekly Honor Roll

**Bryan Canter, Fitchburg State (Sr., F, Anchorage, Ak.)** -- Notched goal and three assists for four points in 1-1 week for Falcons, including marker and pair of helpers in 4-2 victory at Westfield State.

**Daniel Miressi, Framingham State (So., F, Monroe, Conn.)** -- Netted pair of goals and assist for three points in 1-1 week for Rams, including marker and helper in 8-2 setback at Salem State.

**Mike Owens, UMass Dartmouth (Sr., F, South Boston, Mass.)** -- Netted hat trick and pair of assists for five points in Corsairs' 8-4 victory at Fitchburg State.

**Steve Evans, Westfield State (Fr., F, Kingston, Ont.)** -- Collected pair of goals and assist for three points in 1-1 week for Owls, including marker and helper in 5-4 overtime victory over Salem State.

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# Women's Ice Hockey

## Game Schedule

*(All Home Games are at 4 at Amelia Park)*

Away- November 5 at Salem State at 6:30
Away- November 12 vs. Mt. Holyoke (Fitzpatrick Rink) at 3:30
**Home- November 20 vs. Salem State**
**Home- December 4 vs. Umass Lowell**
Away- December 10 at Bates College at 4:30
**Home- January 29 vs. Smith College**
**Home- February 5 vs. Mt. Holyoke**
Away- February 11 at Smith College at 4:00
**Home- February 12 vs. Bates College**
**Home- February 19 vs. Fairfield College**
Away- February 26 at Umass Lowell at 7:00

## Baseball

| Day | | Opponent | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | **March** | |
| Sat-Sat. | 10-17 | | |
| | | Spring Trip, Winter Haven, Florida | |
| **Tue.** | **20** | **ELMS** | **3:30** |
| **Thu.** | **22** | **ALBERTUS MAGNUS** | **3:30** |
| **Sun.** | **25** | **WHEATON** | **1:00** |
| **Tue.** | **27** | **WESTERN CONNECTICUT** | **3:30** |
| **Thu.** | **29** | **SPRINGFIELD** | **3:30** |
| **Sat.** | **31** | **WORCESTER (2)** | **12:00** |
| | | **April** | |
| **Mon.** | **2** | **UMASS BOSTON** | **3:30** |
| Wed. | 4 | at Amherst | 3:30 |
| Fri. | 6 | at Bridgewater State (2) | 12:00 |
| Wed. | 11 | at Williams | 4:00 |
| Thu. | 12 | at Keene State | 3:30 |
| Sat. | 14 | at Framingham State (2) | 1:00 |
| **Mon.** | **16** | **SALEM STATE (2)** | **12:00** |
| **Thu.** | **19** | **WESTERN NEW ENGLAND** | **3:30** |
| **Sat.** | **21** | **MASS MARITIME (2)** | **12:00** |
| **Tue.** | **24** | **MCLA (2)** | **2:00** |
| **Thu.** | **26** | **ENDICOTT** | **4:00** |
| Sat. | 28 | at Fitchburg State (2) | 12:00 |
| Sun. | 29 | at Curry | 1:00 |
| | | **May** | |
| Thu. | 3 | MASCAC Tournament | TBD |
| Sat. | 5 | MASCAC Tournament | TBD |
| Sun. | 6 | MASCAC Tournament | TBD |

## Softball

| Day | | Opponent | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | **March** | |
| Sat-Fri. | 10-16 | | |
| | | Spring Trip, Clermont, Florida | |
| Wed. | 21 | at Nichols (2) | 3:00 |
| **Thu.** | **22** | **ELMS** | **4:00** |
| Tue. | 27 | at Western Connecticut (2) | 3:00 |
| Thu. | 29 | at Western New England | 4:00 |
| **Sat.** | **31** | **WORCESTER STATE (2)** | **12:00** |
| | | **April** | |
| **Wed.** | **4** | **AMHERST (2)** | **3:30** |
| Fri. | 6 | at Bridgewater State (2) | 12:00 |
| **Mon.** | **9** | **SMITH** | **4:30** |
| **Thu.** | **12** | **KEENE STATE (2)** | **3:00** |
| Sat. | 14 | at Framingham State (2) | 1:00 |
| **Mon.** | **16** | **SALEM STATE (2)** | **12:00** |
| Thu. | 19 | at Rhode Island College (2) | 4:00 |
| **Sat.** | **21** | **MASS MARITIME (2)** | **12:00** |
| **Tue.** | **24** | **MCLA (2)** | **2:00** |
| **Wed.** | **25** | **SPRINGFIELD (2)** | **3:00** |
| Sat. | 28 | at Fitchburg State (2) | 12:00 |
| | | **May** | |
| Thu. | 3 | MASCAC Tournament | TBD |
| Sat. | 5 | MASCAC Tournament | TBD |
| Sun. | 6 | MASCAC Tournament | TBD |

## Women's Lacrosse

| Day | | Opponent | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **March** | | |
| **Sat.** | **3** | **LASELL** | **1:00** |
| Wed. | 7 | at Mount Holyoke | 4:30 |
| Fri. | 16 | at Morrisville State, NY | 4:00 |
| Sun. | 18 | at Lycoming, PA | 12:00 |
| Sat. | 24 | at Keene State | 1:00 |
| Tue. | 27 | at Smith | 4:30 |
| Thu. | 29 | at Norwich | 4:00 |
| **Sat.** | **31** | **FRAMINGHAM STATE** | **5:00** |
| **April** | | | |
| **Thu.** | **5** | **ELMS** | **4:00** |
| Sat. | 7 | at Mass. Maritime | 1:00 |
| **Thu.** | **12** | **SALEM STATE** | **7:00** |
| Sat. | 14 | at Fitchburg State | 11:00 |
| Tue. | 17 | at Becker | 4:00 |
| Thu. | 19 | at Western Connecticut | 7:00 |
| Sat. | 21 | at Bridgewater State | 1:00 |
| **Fri.** | **27** | **WORCESTER STATE** | **7:00** |
| | **May** | | |
| Wed. | 2 | NEWLA Tournament Semifinals | |
| Sat. | 5 | NEWLA Championship | |

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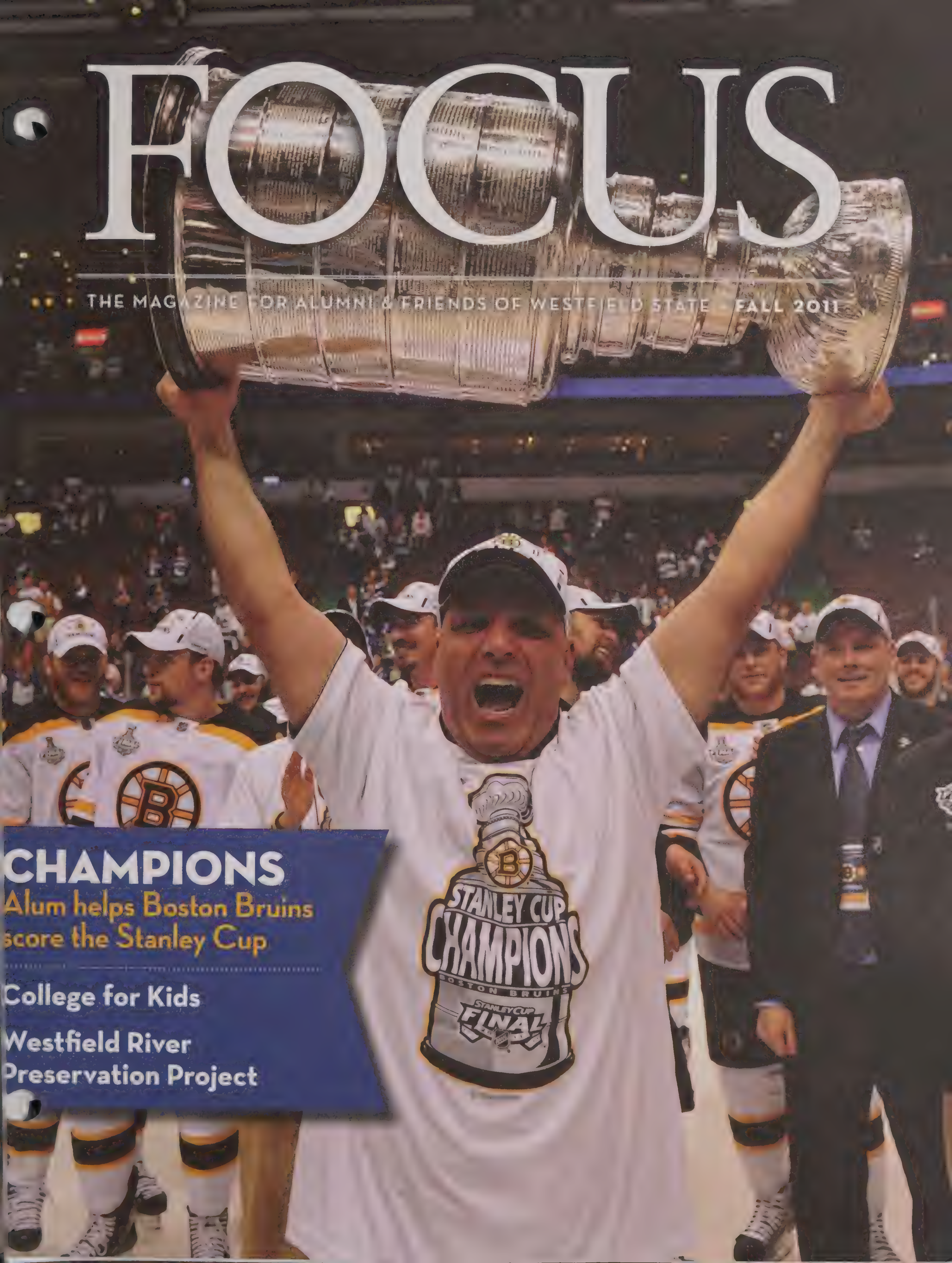
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FROM THE EDITOR

# Coming Back Takes You Back

By Janice Beetle Godleski

When it plans a reunion, Westfield State University knows how to roll out the welcome mat!

In June, Westfield State held its biggest reunion ever, planning events for former members of the University's Musical Theatre Guild.

These former performers are parents now. Business people. They go to work every day and pay mortgages.

But when they came back to Westfield State in June, they were dancers again. Actors and actresses who took to the stage and let their hair down, and many of them are still talking about it on the MTG Reunion page on Facebook.

"Seeing your former cast mates, the legends that you heard about before you, and meeting the kids who came afterwards was such a thrill," said Michael Buster McMahon '92, a seven-show veteran of MTG. "It brought me back to one of the happiest times of my life.

"I was that wide-eyed, naive boy who just needed to entertain an audience again."

For three days, MTG alumni had time to socialize and perform. Organized by Peg Drisko-Johnson '88 and Christine McNamara '90, events included a banquet, a performance and a memorial presentation for MTG alumni who have passed away.

Susan Rogers Bailey '79, who played Lucy in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* in the spring of '76, said the reunion was not about the members of her graduating class.

"This was about MTG," she said.

"The reunion was a once-in-a-lifetime event!" Bailey added. "It was an opportunity to reunite with very dear old friends that I hadn't seen in over 30 years. I don't know what the final attendance numbers were, but I know that we broke Westfield State records. There were MTG members from the 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s, and even a few that graduated last month."

Drisko-Johnson said, "To sum it up, one MTG Alum actually said to me, 'That was the best college weekend of my life, and I graduated 20 years ago!'"

Alumni were so captured, in fact, that shortly after the reunion was held, Drisko-Johnson was already scheming another get-together for the fall. And for 2012. And 2013. No kidding.

And speaking of the fall, that's when the year's greatest alumni event ever is held.

Take a trip back to your alma mater on Saturday, Oct. 29 and celebrate Westfield State University's annual Homecoming extravaganza.

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Reconnect with your classmates, friends, professors and alumni while you enjoy a wide variety of food and drink, dance to the music of a roster of fine live bands and enjoy great games, activities and more.

The Westfield State Alumni staff, including Kathi Bradford and Kelly Galanis, have been planning this great event for many months. It's important to them that you come back and enjoy yourself, so they put effort into the details.

Maybe you won't be dancing, or singing on the stage in Dever Auditorium, but I can promise that if you come back, you will find – just as the M[illegible] alums did – that it was well worth your time.

And when you leave, you'll already be thinking about when you might come back again. ■

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# Westfield State hockey getting on track early in season

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

For the first time in MASCAC conference hockey history, the team that wins the conference tournament will advance to the NCAA Division III tournament, which is a big accomplishment and one that Westfield wants to be the first to claim.

So far this year the Owls have a record of 2-3-2.

Though the team suffered a tough 8-1 loss at the hands of Amherst, the team still remains confident that they can be a force in conference play thanks in large part to sophomore goaltender Eddie Davey.

Davey this year has faced 232 shots and has stopped 208 of them in only six games, the most of any goalie in the conference this season. Davey's standout game so far this year was a 49 save performance in a 3-3 tie against Nichols earlier in the season.

Davey is also getting great support from his defenders Jeff Callahan, Billy Miller and Sebastien Poirier. Miller and Poirier each have three goals so far this season along with Frank Zuccaro who also has three goals.

But while the defense is stepping up, the amount of shots that Westfield's goalies are facing limits the amount of time that the Owls are on attack where forwards Pat Nelson and A.J. Shiverdecker can produce.

Nelson, who has 38 career goals, has not yet found the net this season but does have four assists.

Nelson and Vince Perreault are trying to fill the void left by graduating senior Dennis Zak who had 18 goals and 24 assists last year.

One area that the Owls needed to improve from last year is in penalties. Last year Westfield accumulated 234 penalties for an astounding 700 minutes. This year through seven games they have 56 penalties for 131 minutes. These staggering numbers are an area the coaching staff of the Owls wants to decrease.

*photo by westfieldstateowls.com*

Westfield State hockey captured its fourth straight Falcons Cup early in November.

Westfield is a very young team with only four seniors on the roster, thus the younger players need to play a big role for this team if they have any hope of reaching that goal of making the NCAA tournament.

Westfield faces Salem State at home tomorrow night at 5:35 p.m. and plays their last game before winter break on Thursday, Dec. 8 against Fitchburg State at 7:35 p.m.

The Owls' first games after break will be on Jan. 3.

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*Boston Bruins athletic trainer and 1984 Westfield State graduate Don DelNegro shares the Stanley Cup at the CanAm camp in Placid, N.Y., on July 12.*

**By MICKEY CURTIS**
***Westfield State University Sports Information Director***

Don DelNegro (Westfield State Class of 1984) still struggles to verbally express the euphoria surrounding Boston winning the 2011 Stanley Cup, but the longtime Bruins head athletic trainer is at no loss for words in explaining how Westfield State shaped his career.

"A big part of where I am at today is because of my years at Westfield State and Rich Pierce (Westfield's legendary athletic trainer from 1977-2006) played a big part of that in being my mentor," said DelNegro, who begins his 19th year as the Boston Bruins head athletic trainer. "It bodes well on Rich being where I am at today, along with my entire educational experience at Westfield State."

DelNegro was even thinking of his Westfield State days shortly after the Bruins won their first Stanley Cup championship in 39 years, sending New Englanders into a summer-long celebration. He emailed a photograph of himself hoisting the Stanley Cup to Pierce, his mentor and friend.

"The best reflection of how I thought he could be a good trainer is that he kept in touch with me all these years," said Pierce. "Don is really into it (athletic training). When he was a student he did everything he had to do. He was dedicated and enthusiastic, and in those days if you put in the time as a student you had to be committed. Back then our (athletic training) internship program was 1800 hours."

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DelNegro's dream job of working in professional sports, especially for the Boston hockey team he grew up rooting for in his hometown of North Adams, Mass., was fulfilled when he was hired by the Bruins in 1993 after a five-year stint as the director of sports medicine at Williams College. He earned a master's degree in athletic training from Indiana State then landed his first job as the assistant athletic trainer at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, N.Y., from 1986-88.

"I was making $300 a month plus room and board," said DelNegro of his two years in Lake Placid.

He accomplished other career goals by being selected the athletic trainer for the U.S. Bobsled and Luge teams at the 1992 Olympic Games in Albertville, France, and for Team USA at the 2000, 2005 and 2007 World Hockey championships. Moreover, he crossed paths with another Westfield State graduate when he served as head trainer for the U.S. men's hockey team at the 2006 Olympic Games in Turin, Italy. Peter Laviolette (Westfield State Class of 1984) was the head coach of the 2006 Olympic squad. Laviolette, the head coach of the Philadelphia Flyers, also experienced the thrill of hoisting the Stanley Cup when he led the Carolina Hurricanes to the NHL title in 2006.

"The NHL's Stanley Cup is so much different than the others," said DelNegro. "In no other sports do fans get to touch the trophy and players get to keep it for a day. It is really amazing."

As a vital team member of the Boston Bruins, DelNegro also owned the coveted Cup for a day. The Stanley Cup was delivered July 12 to his Lake Placid summer home, where he hosted an all-day Cup party for family and friends, including college roommates Justin Kelly ('85) and Shaun Gear ('83).

"Having the Cup for a day allowed me the unique opportunity to share it with my family, friends and community," said DelNegro. "It gave me a chance to get together with everyone and say thank you for all their love and support over the last 18 years. It is a day I will never forget."

DelNegro also carried the Stanley Cup on the No. 2 duckboat he shared with Bruin defensemen Johnny Boychuk and Dennis Seidenberg during the Rolling Rally through the streets of Boston to celebrate the Stanley Cup championship with Bruin fanatics.

"The Rolling Rally was just phenomenal," said DelNegro, who was able to spot relatives and a few of his Westfield State friends in the mass of humanity. "It was awesome to see a million-plus fans. They were all so happy and joyous…"

DelNegro also offered insights on the incredible atmosphere following Boston's Game 7 title-clinching victory in Vancouver.

"There were a lot of tears shed in the locker room after the game, but they were tears of joy," he said. "And it was a six-hour party all the way home."

A chief reason DelNegro has stayed with the Bruins for nearly two decades is because the players truly make him feel part of the team. He said it is like a big family and this year's team is his favorite.

## DelNegro

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"In my 18 years as the Bruins trainer there are no comparisons to this team," DelNegro said. "The players are the epitome of what a team should be. They were 20 guys with no egos with a common goal of winning the Stanley Cup. There were no high profile players on the team like Sidney Crosby….just 20 people working in the same direction."

Pierce said that DelNegro's longevity with the Bruins during numerous head coaching changes is a testament to his training skills, which include the ability to work well with people in the demanding, pressure-packed and high stakes world of professional sports.

"Don has been chosen as trainer in a lot of challenging positions," said Pierce. "You have to know what needs to be done and be there for the players," said Pierce. "A lot of times you are the go between for players and coaches and that can be tough."

As accommodating as the hockey players he treats, DelNegro always welcomes opportunities to share his experiences and expertise with aspiring athletic trainers. Prior to a regular season game early in 2011, DelNegro met with 13 Westfield State University students at the TD Banknorth Garden and conducted a workshop for them, along with Pierce and Mary Allen Watson, a professor in the Westfield movement science department. DelNegro has also returned to Westfield State several times to make presentations at career workshops for student trainers.

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# WSU hockey: Forever young?

## Owls seek to become smarter, wiser

**By CHRIS PUTZ**
***Staff Writer***

WESTFIELD – For some players ighting through the growing pains ssociated with getting acclimated with a new team, the Westfield State University men's hockey team's young season may already seem a bit old.

The Owls have experienced the extreme highs and lows of a long seaon in just three games.

Westfield State beat Western New England College 4-2 to win the Falcon Cup in its opener, tied Nichols College 3-3, and most recently, lost to nationally-ranked No. 7 Utica College 7-3 Friday night. The Owls return to action this evening at Plymouth State at 6 p.m.

"We have a lot of freshmen in big spots, playing a full 60 minutes," Westfield State men's hockey coach Bob Miele said in an interview Monday with the Westfield News.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN

*Freshman Sebastien Poirier had a goal and an assist vs. Utica College Nov 11.* (Fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

*Owls' AJ Shiverdecker.* (Photo courtesy of WSU)

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# Ice Hockey Opens Season Friday, Nov. 4

## *Falcon Cup Game At Mass Mutual Center Begins At 4:00*

The Westfield State University men's varsity ice hockey team begins its 2011-2012 season on Friday, Nov. 4, when it plays local rival Western New England University in the Fourth Annual Falcons Cup game at the Mass, Mutual Center in Springfield.

The game begins at 4:00 p.m. and advanced tickets can be purchased for $10 per person ($5 for Westfield State students) at the Westfield State athletics department. The special rate $10 Mutual Center ticket

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# Westfield State Defeats Framingham, 3-1

## *Second-Period Goals Key To Conference Road Victory*

FRAMINGHAM – The Westfield State University ice hockey team used two second period goals to pick up a 3-1 victory this Saturday night over the Framingham State University ice hockey team in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's ice hockey action at Loring Arena.

The Owls improve to 2-2-2 on the year and 1-1-1 in the MASCAC, while the Rams fall to 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

The Rams jumped out to a 1-0 lead eight minutes into the game. Sophomore Daniel Miressi (Monroe, Conn.) penetrated the offensive zone and hit senior Corey Chaney (Flint, MI) with a pass that Chaney dished to freshman Ryan McDonald (Anchorage, AK). McDonald found the back of the net for his first collegiate goal.

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*Billy Miller scored the game-winning goal vs. Framingham.* (fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

The Rams maintained the 1-0 advantage into the first intermission, but it took the Owls just 1:58 into the second period to tie the score. Framingham State was called for a penalty at 1:52 and just six seconds later off the faceoff junior Lucas Romero scored for the Owls. Sebastien Poirier and Vince Perreault assisted on the Romero tally.

The Owls took the lead for good late in the second on Billy Miller's unassisted goal at 16:59. Miller lifted a shot from the left side that was perfectly placed just under the cross bar.

The Owls added an insurance goal midway through the third period as Poirier scored off assists from Romero and Taylor Murphy to reach the final margin of 3-1.

The Owls held a slim 31-29 edge in shots on goal for the game. Sophomore Eddie Davey picked up the win in net for Owls making 28 saves, sophomore Nick Cafrelli (San Jose, CA) made 26 saves for the Rams.

The Rams return to action Tuesday night with a non-conference game against the University of Massachusetts Boston at Loring Arena at 7:20 p.m., while the Owls host Amherst on [illegible] at 7:35 p.m. at Amelia Park Arena in downtown

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# Annual “Pink in the Rink” game set for February 16

## Hockey team selling custom jerseys and accepting donations for cancer research

**Matt Jardin**
Sports Reporter

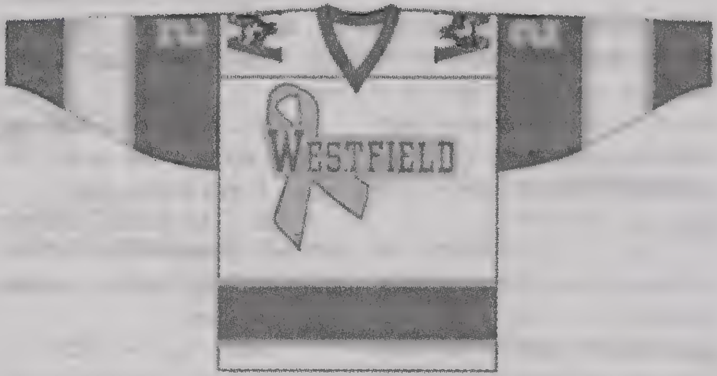
The Westfield State men’s ice hockey team will be holding its third annual “Pink in the Rink” night on Thursday, Feb. 16, at Amelia Park in Westfield.

“The idea of the event is to raise awareness about all forms of cancer and raise as much money as we can for the local Cancer House of Hope to help aid cancer research,” said Westfield assistant hockey coach Mike Young.

One way to donate is to buy a jersey. The jerseys are white and pink and cost $75, with all the proceeds going to the local Cancer House of Hope.

“Each year we’ve been blessed to have a sponsor buy the team’s jerseys and this year we are also selling custom Westfield State pink hockey jerseys,” said Young.

The team will have pink jerseys with the names of people they love who have fought or are still fighting cancer.



The pink and white hockey jerseys cost $75 each with all proceeds going to the local Cancer House of Hope.

General donations also are being collected at the game, with the puck dropping at 7:35.

“Our true goal is to honor those who have fought against and are currently fighting against cancer,” said Young.

If you wish to order a jersey, contact Westfield State athletics department secretary Terry Hamel at 413-572-5512.

In addition, orders will be taken for jerseys through the end of the game.

“Our Pink-in-the-Rink game is to symbolize that we are all in this fight together and we are all here to support each other. Hopefully, that thought and the spirit of the game catch on and we can do some good and raise some money for cancer research,” said Young.

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*Pat Nelson scored for the Owls.* **(File photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)**

# Late Goal Lifts Lancers past WSU Owls, 2-1

AUBURN, Mass. – Freshman Nathan Stanley scored the game winning tally with 3:50 remaining in regulation to help lead Worcester State to a 2-1 triumph over Westfield State in MASCAC ice hockey action Saturday evening at Horgan Rink.

After a scoreless 45 minutes of play, the Lancers (6-6-2, 3-4-2 MASCAC) went up 1-0 on a score 5:18 into the third period by sophomore Tyson Cox, when he received some help from Stanley and freshman Vinny Bohn.

The Owls (2-9-2, 1-6-1 MASCAC) scored the equalizer on the first goal of the season by junior Pat Nelson 60 seconds into a power play. Nelson was fed the puck by freshman Frank Zuccaro and junior Jeff Callahan.

But Stanley scored his second goal in as many games off a rebound off, as he got some assistance from freshman Curtis Martin and classmate Andrew Pierson with the extra-main advantage.

Westfield State pulled its goalie for the fi 1:08 in favor for the extra skater, but it was to no avail as the hosts would hold on for the win that put them into a tie for fourth-place in the conference standings.

Worcester State led in shots after the first period, 14-12, but the Owls held the 26-18 edge in the final two frames. The contest also proved to be a physical one as there were 22 combined penalties between both squads.

Worcester senior Bryan Kalczynski, who came into the contest leading the MASCAC in goals against average and save percentage, stopped 37 of the 38 shots he saw on the evening while sophomore Eddie Davey collected 30 in the setback.

Both teams will host MASCAC opponents on Tuesday. Worcester State will take on Fitchburg State at 5:30 while Westfield State entertains Framingham State at 7:35 PM. Framingham tied first place Plymouth, 3-3, in

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# Westfield State Edges WNE In Overtime, 4-3

## *A.J. Shiverdecker scored two goals, including the game winner in overtime*

A.J. SHIVERDECKER

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior A.J. Shiverdecker had two goals and an assist, including the game-winning goal, to lead Westfield State University to a thrilling 4-3 victory over Western New England University in a non-conference men's ice hockey game on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Amelia Park Arena.

Westfield improves its record to 4-10-3, which includes two victories over Western New England. WNE is now 9-8.

The Owls jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on an early goal by senior Pat Nelson, who recorded his 100th career point last Saturday, and a Shiverdecker power play goal.

WNE sliced the lead to 2-1 with a second-period goal from Rancy Vukovic. The Golden Bears tied the score with 3:12 remaining in regulation on a goal by Kory Grahl.

In the frantic final minute of regulation, Westfield took a 3-2 lead with 43 seconds remaining on a goal by Vince Perreault. But Western New England pulled its goalie and took advantage of a Westfield mishandle of the puck, allowing Trent Krueger to scoring the game-tying goal with 24 seconds remaining in regulation.

Shiverdecker then clinched the victory with a goal 3:36 into the extra stanza.

The Golden Bears outshot the Owls, 41-35, but Westfield had a 6-1 shot advantage in overtime.

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# Westfield State, Worcester State battle to 2-2 tie

WESTFIELD – Worcester State University rallied for two third-period goals to tied Westfield State University, 2-2, in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's ice hockey game on Thursday.

It was the home opener for the Owls, who are 1-2-2 overall and 0-1-1 in the MASCAC. Worcester is 1-2-1 and 0-1-1.

The Owls opened the scoring on a goal by freshman Frank Zuccaro with 6:06 left in the first. Westfield took a 2-0 lead with 5:28 left in the second stanza on a power play goal from Taylor Murphy. Brad Norkum assisted on both goals.

Outshooting Westfield, 22-4, in the third period, Worcester rallied for the draw. Brenton Dyok scored to slice the lead in half, 2-1, near the midpoint of the third period. Andrew Pierson assisted on the goal then tallied the game-tying goal on a power play with 7:49 remaining in regulation.

Westfield outshot Worcester, 5-2, in the overtime stanza.

Senior goalie Ian Wilson made 46 saves for the Owls, who were outshot, 48-30, on the strength of the Lancers' third-period shooting barrage.

*The Westfield State University men's ice hockey team held a "Mustachio Bashio" fundraiser entitled "Changing the face of men's health" during the home opener vs. Worcester State. Westfield State students participating in the men's cancer awareness fundraiser, left to right, are: Brittanie McGregor, Amanda Martins, Erin Gilfoy, and Leann Rivard.*

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# Mass Dartmouth Holds Off Westfield, 5-3

## *Owls' Comeback Falls Short After Two Third-Period Power Play Goals*

WESTFIELD – UMass Dartmouth senior forwards Rob Dudley and Mike Owens both tallied a goal and two assists as the Corsairs held on for a 5-3 victory over Westfield State University in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's ice hockey action on Thursday.

UMass Dartmouth improves to 10-4-1 overall and is now lodged in a three-way tie for first place in the MASCAC with Plymouth State and Salem State. All three teams have 6-2-1 conference records following Salem's 3-1 victory at Plymouth State on Thursday. Westfield falls to 3-10-2 overall and 2-7-1 in the conference.

The Corsairs jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead. Nick Marquis scored a backdoor goal 1:47 into the game with assists from Dudley and Owens. UMass Dartmouth scored with 1:18 remaining in the period on a Dave McDonald goal.

The Owls lit the lamp 28 seconds into the second period on a goal by A.J. Shiverdecker, with assists from Vince Perreault andPat Nelson.

But the Corsairs responded with goals from Dudley and Andrew Pontes to take a 4-1 lead after two periods.

The Owls made the score 4-3 with two power plays goals in the third period. Dave Ciminelli scored 4:21 into the period, assisted by Taylor Murphy and Billy Miller. Perreault and Pat Nelson then earned their second assists on a power play goal byJosh McCully with 3:12 remaining in regulation.

The Corsairs, who outshot the Owls, 36-32, clinched the road victory with an empty net goal by Owens with 1:29 remaining.

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*A.J. Shiverdecker scored a goal for the second consecutive game.* **(File photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)**

# WSU ROUNDUP

Westfield was led by Vazquez's 18 points. Joi
double figures were Ryan DeLosa with 13 points,
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***Westfield senior goalie Ian Wilson stopped 33 sl***
***allowed a late goal in the 4-1 victory over Fram***
**photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)**

# Westfield Halts Skid; Tops Framingham, 4-1

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State Universi
hockey team snapped a seven game losing skid
Framingham State University, 4-1, yesterday.

The Owls are 2-6-1 in the Massachusetts Sta
Athletic Conference and 3-9-2 overall. Framing
overall and 1-6-2 in the conference, including
Saturday vs. first place Plymouth State.

Westfield scored two first-period goals to take a
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converting a missed teammate's shot in front of
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second goal midway thru the first stanza.

After a scoreless second period, Westfield took
an Adam Baldassarre goal on a scramble near
Rams finally got on the scoreboard with 2:18
regulation on a goal by Bo Driscoll. Jason Nel
empty net goal with 10 seconds remaining.

Senior goalie Ian Wilson matched his uniform
33 saves in a fine effort between the pipes. We
Framingham, 38-34.

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# Fitchburg State ices Westfield State, 5-2

*Westfield State men's ice hockey captain Dave Ciminelli was honored along with four classmates during the Owls' Senior Night on Saturday, Feb. 18.* (Photos by Mickey Curtis)

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior forward Bryan Canter had a goal and two assists to lift Fitchburg State University to a 5-2 victory over Westfield State University in MASCAC ice hockey action on Saturday evening, Feb. 18.

Fitchburg improves to 9-12-3 overall and 8-7-2 in the conference with a regular season game remaining on Tuesday, Feb. 21 when it hosts Plymouth State.

Westfield is 6-13-5 overall and finishes MASCAC play in sixth place at a 4-10. The Owls host Franklin Pierce on Tuesday, Feb. 21, in a non-conference game then play in the quarterfinals of the MASCAC postseason tournament on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The Owls took a short-lived 1-0 lead on a power play goal by freshman Steve Evans midway through the first period. Canter knotted the score with a power play goal just over two minutes later.

The Falcons scored twice in the second period to take a 3-1 lead. The visitors went ahead 4-1 with 5:35 remaining in the game on a goal by Kris Threlkeld, with Canter getting credit for his second assist.

Westfield's Lucas Romero scored a power play goal 36 seconds later, but Fitchburg closed out the scoring on Travis Bertolotti's empty net goal with 15 seconds remaining.

Westfield outshot Fitchburg, 45-32, with Falcon goalie Randy Wolcott recording 43 saves.

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# Westfield State ices Franklin Pierce, 3-0

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior reserve goalie Justin Roethlingshoefer pitched a shutout with 39 saves to lead Westfield State University to a 3-0 victory over Franklin Pierce University in a non-conference ice hockey game yesterday.

Westfield concludes its regular season with a 7-13-5 overall record. Westfield is the No. 6 seed in the MASCAC postseason tournament and the Owls will play a quarterfinal game on Saturday at UMass Dartmouth. The first puck drops at 4:30 p.m.

Roethlingshoefer, from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was stellar between the pipes in his first start. He registered 12 first-period saves, 11 in the second stanza, and 16 stops in the final 20 minutes.

Westfield snapped a scoreless tie on Adam Baldassarre's goal early in the second period. Todd Gebert had his first of two assists on the game-winning goal.

The Owls tallied two insurance goals on power plays near the midpoint of the third period. Taylor Murphy scored on a 5-on-3 power play and Steve Evans followed with a 5-on-4 power play goal 46 seconds later.

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# Pink In Rink Game Set For Feb. 16

## *Hockey Team Selling Custom Jerseys For Cancer Research*

**By MATT JARDIN**
*Sports Information Department Student Intern*

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State Men's Ice Hockey team will be holding its third annual "Pink in the Rink" night on Thursday at Amelia Park in Westfield. The Owls will host MASCAC rival Salem State at 7:35 p.m.

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# Fitchburg State Stuns WSU

## *Falcons Rally For Four Unanswered Goals*

FITCHBURG – Fitchburg State scored four consecutive goals in the final 10 minutes of the game, including the game-winning goal with 6/10ths of a seconds remaining, to rally for a 5-4 men's ice hockey victory over Westfield State on Thursday at the Wallace Civic Center.

Trailing 4-1 midway through the third period, Fitchburg connected on four goals to secure the stunning comeback victory. Junior Brett Provost (Ludlow, Mass/ Connecticut Wolfpack) and classmate Justin Quinn (Braintree, Mass/Braintree) sparked the Falcon comeback with consecutive goals, merely 18 seconds apart with under 10 minutes remaining.

Trevor Lawler knotted the score with 1:47 remaining, then junior Joseph Caveney (Fitchburg, Mass./ UMass Lowell) netted the game-winning score with just 0.6 seconds left to seal the win after a faceoff in the Owls' zone with 10 seconds remaining.

Westfield State got on the board first, striking midway through the first period as junior Jason Nelson (Raleigh, N.C./Springfield Jr. Falcons) netted a power-play goal at the 13:47 mark.

Back-to-back goals in the second period from Lucas Romero (Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif./Pembroke) and Tyler Prendergast(Richmond Hill, ON /Whitby Fury) gave the Owls a 3-0 lead, but senior Thomas McAleer (Long Island, N.Y./ New York Bobcats) connected for his eighth goal of the season at the 11:57 mark to cut the Falcon deficit to only two. But senior Pat Nelson put the Owls back up top by three, 4-1, by scoring with 5:10 left in the second stanza.

Between the pipes, senior Bobby Leiser (Monroe, N.Y./ New York Applecore) earned the victory for Fitchburg State, totaling 26 saves to improve to 3-6-2 on the year. Senior Ian Wilson (Tulsa, O.K./ North Bay Skyhawks) took the loss for the Owls (2-4-1) stopping 34 shots in the complete game effort.

For the contest, Fitchburg State held a 39-30 advantage in shots, including a 15-5 edge in the third period.

Fitchburg State (7-8-2, 6-4-1 MASCAC) will be in action again on Thursday as it hosts Plymouth State at 4 p.m. Westfield State (4-11-3, 2-8-2 MASCAC) will visit Plymouth State on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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*Tyler Prendergast scored Westfield State's goal vs. Fitchburg.*

# Fitchburg State Trounces WSU, 7-1

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior forward Thomas McAleer tallied two goals and two assists to lead Fitchburg State University to a 7-1 victory over Westfield State University in men's ice hockey action on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Fitchburg, 3-5-1 overall and 2-2-1 in the conference, broke open a tight game by erupting for five goals in the third period. Westfield falls to 2-6-2 and 1-4-1.

The Falcons scored 1:39 into the game on a Bryan Canter goal with assists from McAleer and Justin Quinn.

Westfield knotted the score at 1-1 with 4:31 remaining in the first period on a goal by Tyler Prendergast with assists from Peter Ranieri and Sebastien Poirier.

McAleer scored the only second-period goal, 3:09 into the stanza, to give the Falcons a 2-1 lead. Trevor Lawler was credited with the assist.

McAleer and Lawler also teamed up for the first goal of the third period for a 3-1 Fitchburg lead. John Soroko scored just over a minute later to make it 4-1 then the Falcons tacked three power play goals in the final 11 minutes.

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# Salem State Rallies To Deadlock Westfield, 6-6

## Pat Nelson Scores 100th Career Point

*Senior Pat Nelson of Cary, North Carolina, scored his 100th career point with a goal in Westfield's 6-6 tie at Salem.*

SALEM – Nick Lampson netted a hat-trick for Salem State, but it was not enough as the Vikings rallied to tie Westfield State, 6-6, in a men's ice hockey Saturday afternoon shootout Jan. 21.

Salem State now stands at 9-5-2, and 6-2-2 in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference play while Westfield State goes to 3-10-3 and 2-7-2 in conference.

Lampson scored the first two goals of the game, including a short-handed goal set-up by Mark Macdonald and Kyle Phelan with 2:09 elapsed in the second period that gave the Vikings a 2-0 lead.

However, Jason Nelson got the Owls on the board with a power-play goal 33 seconds later. The Owls then capitalized on a five minute major penalty against Salem State and scored back-to-back power-play goals to surge ahead 3-2 with just over 13 minutes remaining in the second period.

Pat Nelson grabbed a loose puck in front of the net to score the first goal on assists from Josh McCully and Vince Perreault at 12:57. Twenty seconds later, Perreault cleaned up a rebound and beat goalie Sam Avoine to give the visitors their first lead of the game.

Rory Wilkowich then took a pass from Billy Miller and streaked down the right side only to have his initial shot stopped by Avoine. However, Wilkowich stayed on net and poked the rebound in to give the Owls a 4-2 lead.

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The winner of the Fitchburg State-Worcester State quarterfinal advances to take on Plymouth State in semi-final round action on Tuesday evening in Plymouth, N.H. at 6:00 p.m. EST, while the UMass Dartmouth-Westfield State winner will square off with Salem State in Tuesday's other semi-final match-up in Salem, Mass. at 7:00 p.m. EST.

The two semi-final winners will meet for the 2012 MASCAC Championship on Saturday, March 3rd at the site of the highest remaining seed beginning at a starting time that will be determined following Tuesday's semi-final round contests, as this year's conference champion will earn the league's first-ever automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championships.

Plymouth State captured its first MASCAC regular season crown in just its third season of league play under Head Coach Craig Russell this winter with a 15-6-3 overall mark and a 12-3-3 league slate that was good for 27 points, and the Panthers are led by junior forward Kyle Greco (Hillside, Ill.), who has notched 13 goals and 19 assists for 32 points, as well as junior goalie Jack Astedt (Angelholm, Sweden), who has posted 13 victories and a conference-best 2.32 GAA.

Salem State enters post-season play at 14-8-3 overall (11-4-3 in MASCAC action for 25 points) under Head Coach Bill O'Neill, and the Vikings are led in scoring by junior forward Nick Lampson (Groton, Mass.), who has registered 19 goals and 15 assists for 34 points, and between the pipes by sophomore Ryan Sutliffe (Grand Forks, N.D.), who has a 2.49 GAA to go with 12 triumphs.

UMass Dartmouth posted a 15-8-2 regular season mark and a 10-6-2 MASCAC slate that was good for 22 points under Head Coach John Rolli, and the Corsairs are led in scoring by senior forward Mike Owens (South Boston, Mass.), who has collected 20 goals and 17 assists for a league-leading 37 points, as well as junior netminder Ryan Williams (Angelholm, Sweden), who has 12 victories and a 2.41 GAA.

Fitchburg State notched nine victories in regular season action, including a 8-7-3 slate in MASCAC play good for 19 points under Head Coach Dean Fuller, and the Falcons are paced in scoring by junior forward Trevor Lawler's (Fitchburg, Mass.) 11 goals and 16 assists for 27 points and between the pipes by senior Bobby Leiser (Monroe, N.Y.), who has four wins and a 3.03 GAA.

Worcester State posted eight victories overall and five in league action under Head Coach John Guiney, and the Lancers are led by senior forward John Cahalane's (Tewskbury, Mass.) seven goals and 13 assists for 20 points as well as senior goalie Bryan Kalczynski (Tonawanda, N.Y.), who has eight wins and a league-best .920 saves percentage.

Westfield State rounds out this year's championship field after collecting seven wins overall and four in MASCAC action under Head Coach Bob Miele, as sophomore defenseman Billy Miller (Morgan Hill, Calif.) paces the Owls in scoring with three goals and 16 assists for 19 points while senior goalie Ian Wilson (Tulsa, Okla.) has posted three triumphs to go with a 3.39 GAA this season.

Fitchburg State captured the 2011 MASCAC tournament title with a 6-5 overtime victory over Salem State in last year's championship game played at Rockett Arena in Salem, Mass. after the Vikings had topped the Falcons by a 2-1 extra session final in the 2010 championship match-up.

2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's Ice Hockey Championships

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th – QUARTERFINALS**

Game #1: #5 Worcester State (8-13-3, 5-11-2) at #4 Fitchburg State (9-12-4, 8-7-3) 4:00 pm

Game #2: #6 Westfield State (7-13-5, 4-10-4) at #3 UMass Dartmouth (15-8-2, 10-6-2) 4:30 pm

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th – SEMI-FINALS**

Game #3: Fitchburg State/Worcester State winner at #1 Plymouth State (15-6-3, 12-3-3) 6:00 pm

Game #4: UMass Dartmouth/Westfield State winner at #2 Salem State (14-8-3, 11-4-3) 7:00 pm

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd – CHAMPIONSHIP** (At Highest Remaining Seed)

Game #5: Semi-Final Winners TBD

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*Vince Perreault scored Westfield's lone goal vs. Salem State.* (fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

# Salem Tops Westfield

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Sophomore forward Mark Macdonald had two goals and an assist to lead Salem State to a 5-1 victory over Westfield State in men's ice hockey action on Saturday evening, Dec. 3.

The Vikings improve to 4-2-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. The Owls drop to 2-5-2 and 1-3-1.

Macdonald assisted on the game's first goal, a tally by teammate Derek Crocker with 1:16 remaining in the first period.

Macdonald scored a power play goal 5:34 into the second period, but Westfield quickly cut the lead in half, 2-1, on a goal byVince Perreault 26 seconds later.

Salem reeled off three more goals in the second stanza to take a commanding 5-1 lead. Scoring were Trent Lizee, Kyle Phelan and Macdonald. Ian Canty and Justin Roy were both credited with two assists in the second period scoring.

Salem outshot Westfield, 40-24. Eddie Davey had 35 saves for Westfield and Salem's Sam Avoine had 23 stops.

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# Owls, Mass Dartmouth Play To 1-1 Deadlock

NEW BEDFORD – Sophomore goaltender Eddie Davey made 48 saves and Westfield State tied the game with a third period power play goal as the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth's hockey team and the visiting Owls played a 1-1 overtime tie in a Massachusetts Collegiate Athletic Conference game at the Stephan Hetland Memorial Ice Arena Saturday.

Junior defenseman Matt Correia gave UMass Dartmouth the lead when he scored the only goal of the first period. He retrieved the rebound of his own slap shot, which had been blocked, and fired a wrist shot from the lower circle that deflected past Westfield State sophomore goaltender Eddie Davey at 17:31.

The Owls tied the score in the third period. Freshman forward Steve Evans tied the game when he re-directed a pass by junior forward-Lucas Romero past UMD junior goaltender Ryan Williams 19 seconds into a power play

"We're going through a period that all hockey teams go through, we are having very little puck luck," said UMass Dartmouth Head Coach John Rolli. "Clearly, we dominated the game, and yet, we did not come out with a win. We struggled on the power play, and that's Westfield State's forte, and they got a power play goal to tie it up, and that was the difference in the game, so to speak. We had some glorious opportunities in overtime, but we couldn't convert. We have three games left in the regular season, and we have to get ready for Fitchburg next Thursday."

The Corsairs out shot the Owls, 49-22. Williams made 21 saves for UMD.UMass Dartmouth is now 13-7-2 and 8-5-2 in the MASCAC, while Westfield State is 5-12-5 and 3-9-4 in MASCAC play. UMD will return to action when they visit Fitchburg State Thursday evening. Westfield State will host Salem State on Thursday, Feb. 16, in the annual Pink in the

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# 2011 Westfield State University Roster

VOLLEYBALL

| NO | NAME | CL | POS | HT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Becca Green | FR | DS | 5-3 | Peabody (Bishop Fenwick) |
| 2 | Sarah Green | FR | DS | 5-5 | Peabody (Bishop Fenwick) |
| 3 | Kayleigh Shea * | SO | L | 5-4 | Chelmsford |
| 4 | Alyssa Danilow | FR | OH | 5-11 | West Springfield |
| 5 | Lindsay Rescott | SO | OH | 5-10 | Northport, NY |
| 6 | Julia Warner * | SO | OH | 5-9 | Lee |
| 7 | Courtney Stopa | FR | MB | 6-0 | Foxboro |
| 8 | Kerin DeGirolamo *** | SR | S | 5-8 | North Attleboro (Bishop Feehan) |
| 10 | Kelley Dickson ** | SR | DS | 5-8 | West Springfield |
| 11 | Nicole Molleur | FR | MB | 6-0 | Sturbridge (Tantasqua Regional) |
| 12 | Carole Duquette | FR | OH | 5-11 | Feeding Hills (Agawam) |
| 13 | Kelsey Leonard ** | JR | MB | 6-0 | Billerica |
| 14 | Jess Coons | FR | DS | 5-3 | Granby, CT |
| 15 | Alex Shaw *** | SR | OH | 5-11 | East Falmouth (Falmouth) |
| 16 | Kara McDowell | JR | S/DS | 5-8 | Pittstown, NJ (North Hunterdon) |
| 17 | Chelsea Adams | FR | OH | 5-10 | Hopkinton |

* - Number of years played at Westfield State before 2011 season

Head Coach: Fred Glanville, 9th year

Assistant Coaches: Paul Afonso (7th year); Lisa Wetherell (7th year)

Captains: Kerin DeGirolamo, Alex Shaw

Statistician/Manager: Lindsay Towle

Manager: Michaela Quimby

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# Westfield draws Springfield in NCAAs

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## *Volleyball match scheduled for Friday at 8:00 p.m in Springfield*

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Springfield College was named one of eight regional sites for the NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship on Monday morning as 64-team field was announced. The Pride, which earned an automatic bid to the national tournament after winning the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Championship on Sunday, will take on Westfield State University on Friday, Nov. 11, at 8:00 p.m.

The Pride will serve as the top seed in the region and will play Westfield State (15-20). In addition, Bowdoin (26-2) and Baruch (24-10) will square off , UMass Boston (26-4) will play NYU-Polytechnic (23-14), and Tufts (25-5) will take on Roger Williams (28-3) on Friday at Springfield.

The regional winner advances to the national quarterfinals at the Washington University Field House in St. Louis Nov. 18-20.

In her first season at the helm of the Pride, head coach Moira Long has orchestrated one of the finest seasons in program history. With a 31-2 record, Springfield is headed to the NCAA Championship for the third time in four seasons and the eighth time overall.

Westfield State is participating in the NCAA Division III national tournament for the third consecutive year after defending its Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) championship.

The Owls' journey to their tournament site is a short one as they cross the Connecticut River to Springfield College. The Western Massachusetts rivals played twice during the regular season. Springfield outlasted Westfield in the season opener 25-22, 25-12, 25-23, and the Pride posted a straight set victory (25-14, 25-15, 25-17) in mid-season.

Westfield (15-20) is led by senior outside hitter Alex Shaw (East Falmouth, Mass.) and senior setter Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro, Mass.). Shaw, the 2010 MASCAC player of the year, leads the Owls' balanced offensive attack with 280 kills and a .339 attack percentage. Earlier this season she became only the second player in Westfield history to record 1,000 career kills.

DeGirolamo directs the Owl offense and was selected the MVP of the MASCAC post-season tournament. She leads Westfield with 966 assists (8.33 average) and 69 service aces. DeGirolamo has a school record 3,567 assists in her outstanding four-year career.

Sophomore outside hitter Julia Warner (Lee, Mass.) leads the Owls with 355 digs and ranks second with 269 kills. Sophomore transfer Lindsay Rescott (Northport, N.Y.) has 264 kills and 277 digs and junior middle blocker Kelsey Leonard (Billerica, Mass.) has a team-high 115 blocks (1.03 average) and 187 kills.

Sophomore libero Kayleigh Shea (Chelmsford, Mass.) ranks second with 288 digs (2.82 average). Senior defensive specialistKelley Dickson (2.77 digs average) and freshman outside hitter Alyssa Danilow (126 kills) are other key contributors; both are from nearby West Springfield, Mass.

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# Westfield volleyball falls to Springfield in NCAA championships

*WSU Athletic Department*

Springfield College defeated Westfield State University, 3-0 (25-18, 25-13, 25-16) in an opening round match of the NCAA Divison III national volleyball championships in front of a large crowd of 500 at Blake Arena on Friday evening, Nov. 11.

Springfield, ranked 20th nationally, is now 32-2, while Westfield State ends its season at 15-21. Springfield's win filled out the second semifinal with the expected winners all advancing.

As has been the case all year, Lauren Torvi led the Pride in the match. Named the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Player of the Year just a few days ago, Torvi finished with a match-high 14 kills and a .500 hitting percentage.

But every bit as impressive tonight was fellow senior Kim Giaquinto with her 10 kills, and just one error for a .529 hitting percentage. Gianquinto supplemented that with three service aces and 11 digs, both team highs in those categories.

Tessa Smolinski finished with seven kills and nine digs. Molly Giannattasio ended with 20 set assists. Itza Nieves finished with 10 digs.

For the Owls, Julia Warner finished with six kills, Alex Shaw with five kills. Kerin DeGirolamo had 15 set assists. Warner led her squad with 12 digs, followed by DeGirolamo with nine. Springfield was never in any serious trouble in this match.

It was announced on Monday, Nov. 14 that Westfield State University had three players selected to the 2011 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) all-conference women's volleyball team.

First-team selections were senior outside hitter Alex Shaw (East Falmouth) and senior setter Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro). Sophomore outside hitter Julia Warner (Lee) was a second-team selection.

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Shaw earned all-conference first-team honors for the fourth consecutive season. She ranked second in the MASCAC in kills per game (2.82) and third in attack percentage (.333). Shaw completed her stellar collegiate career with a school record 1,161 kills.

DeGirolamo, a three-time first-team pick, ranked first in the conference in set assists (8.24 per game) and second in service aces (0.59 per game). She shattered the school record for career assists with 3,582.

Warner was another key contributor on the Westfield State team that claimed its third straight MASCAC crown and participated in its third consecutive NCAA Tournament. Warner ranked third in the conference in kills per game (2.39) and sixth in digs per game (3.19).

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# 2011 Westfield University Men's Soccer Roster

| NO. | NAME | CL | POS | HT | WT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | Kris Carrington * | SO | G | 5-11 | 165 | Agawam |
| 1 | Keith Hevey | FR | G | 6-0 | 180 | Chicopee |
| 2 | Jeff Pepoli *** | SR | G | 6-3 | 173 | Ashburnham (Cushing Academy) |
| 3 | Josh Severns ** | SR | F | 5-11 | 160 | Suffield, CT |
| 4 | Jon Principato * | JR | M | 6-0 | 178 | Stoneham |
| 5 | Jared Spicer ** | JR | B/M | 5-9 | 170 | Carver |
| 6 | Kyle Yelin *** | SR | M | 6-1 | 180 | Southwick |
| 7 | Kai Chee *** | SR | M | 5-10 | 175 | Chesire (Hoosac Valley) |
| 8 | Tim Parsons *** | SR | F | 6-1 | 178 | Buzzards Bay (Bourne) |
| 9 | Dave Anderson * | SO | F | 5-8 | 157 | Springfield (Sabis) |
| 10 | Ryan Nickerson * | SO | B | 5-11 | 183 | Billerica |
| 11 | Chris Condron *** | SR | M/B | 5-11 | 175 | Pittsfield (Mount Greylock) |
| 12 | Kristian Driscoll * | SO | M | 5-7 | 160 | Lexington |
| 13 | Sean Russell * | SO | M/B | 5-8 | 150 | Tyngsboro |
| 14 | Justin Laliberte *** | SR | M | 5-8 | 175 | Easthampton |
| 15 | Bill Reagan ** | JR | B | 6-0 | 170 | Oak Bluffs (Martha's Vineyard) |
| 16 | Sam LaBonte *** | SR | B | 5-9 | 165 | Westhampton (Hampshire Reg.) |
| 17 | Zach Rogers * | SO | B | 6-0 | 171 | Lakeville (Apponequet) |
| 18 | Bill Lund | JR | M | 5-4 | 135 | Monson |
| 19 | Dom Cavallini | FR | M/F | 5-5 | 155 | Springfield (Minnechaug) |
| 20 | Mike Stackhouse | FR | B | 6-1 | 142 | Wakefield |
| 21 | Nick Gale *** | SR | F | 6-2 | 175 | Cheshire (Hoosac Valley) |
| 22 | Eric Andreski * | SO | B | 5-8 | 164 | Westfield |
| 24 | Dan Brady * | SO | M | 5-9 | 162 | Wilbraham (Minnechaug) |
| 25 | Chris Monette ** | JR | B | 6-0 | 170 | Wilbraham (Minnechaug) |
| 26 | Greg Gagnon | FR | B | 5-11 | 160 | West Springfield |

*** - Number of years played at Westfield State before 2011 Season**

**Head Coach: Matt Noyes, 7th year**

**Assistant Coach: John Evans, 7th year**

**Captains: Sam LaBonte, Justin Laliberte, Tim Parsons**

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## Women's Soccer

| Day | | Opponent | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | September | |
| Sat. | 3 | Springfield College Tournament<br>vs. Vassar | 5:00 |
| Sun. | 4 | Springfield Tournament | 5:00/7:15 |
| **Wed.** | **7** | **KEENE STATE** | **7:00** |
| Sat. | 10 | Skidmore College Tournament<br>vs. Husson | 3:30 |
| Sun. | 11 | vs. Skidmore | 2:00 |
| **Tue.** | **13** | **ELMS** | **7:00** |
| **Sat.** | **17** | **BRIDGEWATER STATE** | **3:00** |
| **Wed.** | **21** | **EASTERN CONNECTICUT** | **7:00** |
| Sat. | 24 | at Mass. Maritime | 12:00 |
| Wed. | 28 | at Smith | 4:00 |
| | | October | |
| **Sat.** | **1** | **FITCHBURG STATE** | **12:00** |
| Wed. | 5 | at Trinity | 4:30 |
| Sat. | 8 | at Worcester State | 2:00 |
| **Sat.** | **15** | **SALEM STATE** | **3:00** |
| **Tue.** | **18** | **RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE** | **7:00** |
| Sat. | 22 | at MCLA | 1:00 |
| Fri. | 28 | at Framingham State | 3:30 |
| | | November | |
| Wed. | 2 | Conference Tournament | |
| Sat. | 5 | Conference Tournament | |

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## Field Hockey

| Day | | Opponent | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | September | |
| **Thu.** | **1** | **BECKER** | **6:30** |
| Wed. | 7 | at Western New England | 7:00 |
| Sat. | 10 | at UMass Dartmouth | 1:00 |
| Thu. | 15 | at Regis | 8:00 |
| **Sat.** | **17** | **EASTERN CONNECTICUT** | **12:00** |
| **Tue.** | **20** | **SMITH** | **7:00** |
| Thu. | 22 | at Elms | 7:00 |
| Sat. | 24 | at Plymouth State | 12:00 |
| **Wed.** | **28** | **BRIDGEWATER STATE** | **7:00** |
| | | October | |
| **Sat.** | **1** | **SOUTHERN MAINE** | **3:30** |
| Tue. | 4 | at Fitchburg State | 7:00 |
| Fri. | 7 | at Framingham State | 4:00 |
| **Sat.** | **15** | **WORCESTER STATE** | **12:00** |
| **Wed.** | **19** | **KEENE STATE** | **7:00** |
| **Sat.** | **22** | **WESTERN CONNECTICUT** | **3:30** |
| Tue. | 25 | at Mount Holyoke | 7:00 |
| Sat. | 29 | at Salem State | 12:00 |
| | | November | |
| Tue. | 1 | Conference Tournament | |
| Thu. | 3 | Conference Tournament | |
| Sat. | 5 | Conference Tournament | |

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## Men's Ice Hockey

| Date | | Opponent | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | November | |
| Fri. | 4 | vs. Western New England<br>at Mass Mutual Center | 4:00 |
| Tue. | 8 | at Nichols | 8:00 |
| Fri. | 11 | at Utica | 7:00 |
| Tue. | 15 | at Plymouth State | 6:00 |
| **Thu.** | **17** | **WORCESTER STATE** | **7:35** |
| Sat. | 19 | at Framingham State | 7:30 |
| **Tue.** | **22** | **AMHERST** | **7:35** |
| | | December | |
| Thu. | 1 | at UMass Dartmouth | 7:30 |
| **Sat.** | **3** | **SALEM STATE** | **5:35** |
| **Thu.** | **8** | **FITCHBURG STATE** | **7:35** |
| | | January | |
| **Tue.** | **3** | **WILLIAMS** | **7:35** |
| **Thu.** | **12** | **PLYMOUTH STATE** | **7:35** |
| Sat. | 14 | at Worcester State | 6:30 |
| **Tue.** | **17** | **FRAMINGHAM STATE** | **7:35** |
| **Thu.** | **19** | **UMASS DARTMOUTH** | **7:35** |
| Sat. | 21 | at Salem State | 2:00 |
| **Tue.** | **24** | **WESTERN NEW ENGLAND** | **7:35** |
| Thu. | 26 | at Fitchburg State | 7:00 |
| | | February | |
| Thu. | 2 | at Plymouth State | 6:00 |
| **Sat.** | **4** | **WORCESTER STATE** | **5:35** |
| Thu. | 9 | at Framingham State | 7:20 |
| Sat. | 11 | at UMass Dartmouth | 4:30 |
| **Thu.** | **16** | **SALEM STATE** | **7:35** |
| **Sat.** | **18** | **FITCHBURG STATE** | **5:35** |
| **Tue.** | **21** | **FRANKLIN PIERCE** | **7:35** |

## Women's Swimming & Diving

| Date | | Opponent | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | November | |
| Sat. | 5 | at Wellesley Relays | 1:00 |
| Wed. | 9 | at Mount Holyoke | 7:00 |
| Sat. | 12 | at UMass Dartmouth Invite | 12:00 |
| Sat. | 19 | at Smith | 1:00 |
| **Wed.** | **30** | **WESTERN NEW ENGLAND** | **7:00** |
| | | December | |
| Sat. | 3 | Little East Championships<br>st UMass Dartmouth | 11:00 |
| **Sat.** | **10** | **PLYMOUTH STATE** | **1:00** |
| | | January | |
| **Sat.** | **21** | **BRIDGEWATER STATE** | **1:00** |
| Wed. | 25 | at Simmons | 7:00 |
| Sat. | 28 | at Saint Joseph, CT | 1:00 |
| | | February | |
| **Sat.** | **4** | **WESTERN CONNECTICUT** | **1:00** |
| Sat. | 11 | New England Diving Finals | |
| Sun. | 12 | New England Diving Finals<br>at UMass Dartmouth | |
| Fri. | 17 | New England Championships | |
| Sat. | 18 | New England Championships | |
| Sun. | 19 | New England Championships<br>@White River Junction, Vt. | |

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# Worcester State Handles Westfield, 3-1

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior forward Andrew Babineau scored two goals to lead Worcester State University to a 3-1 victory over Westfield State University in MASCAC men's soccer on Saturday evening.

Worcester is 4-5-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the MASCAC; Westfield is 8-3-1 and 2-1-1.

The Lancers scored twice in the opening nine minutes. Freshman forward Michael Jordan of Ludlow scored 7:26 into the game with an assist from Alex Wolfel.

Babineau scored his first goal 1:34 later to stake the Lancers to the early 2-0 lead. Worcester increased its lead to 3-0 in the 58th minute on Babineau's second goal and Wolfel's second assist.

Westfield's Josh Severns scored an unassisted goal in the 79th minute.

Westfield outshot Worcester, 14-7, and controlled the corner kicks, 10-1. Lancer goalie Evan Wilga made seven saves.

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*Westfield's Bill Lund and Worcester State's Alex Wolfel chase down the ball during early first-half action.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

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## COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

# Vikings Beat Owls 4-1

SALEM, -- Salem State jumped out to a quick four-goal lead and never looked back as the Vikings easily dispatched the Westfield State Owls 4-1 in a MASCAC match-up on Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field.

Tomas Cerveny ((Trnava, Slovakia) got Salem State going when he fired a laser from 30 yards out that just caught the lower right bottom of the net that put Salem State up 1-0 less than three minutes into the game. That score was the first of four unanswered goals which helped the Vikings build a 4-0 lead before halftime.

Eric Driscoll (Lexington, MA) followed with his first goal of the year when headed in a pass from Owen Quane (Weymouth, MA) in the 4th minute that put Salem State up 2-0.

Later Raphael Santos (East Boston, MA) notched his team-leading 10th goal when his shot hit underneath the crossbar and landed just past the goal line for the Vikings third goal at 12:10. Driscoll responded with his second goal of the half when he finished off a touch pass from Quane that was initially set up by Santos that gave Salem State a 4-0 advantage.

Westfield State's best opportunity to score in the period was stymied when Jared Actis (Peabody, MA) prevented a score with a sliding block with 3:11 remaining in the first half.

The win improves Salem State to 8-6, 3-2 in the MASCAC while Westfield State slides to 8-5-1, 2-2-1 in conference.

Jeff Pepoli (Ashburnham, MA) made six saves in goal for the Owls, who have lost three straight. Scott Hall (Waltham, MA) stopped eight shots in the win.

Tim Parsons (Buzzards Bay, MA) prevented the shutout when he scored for the Owls in the 63rd minute.

Westfield State hosts Rhode Island College next on Wednesday, October 19th at 4:00 PM while Salem State hosts Worcester State next Saturday at 1:00 PM.

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# Westfield State University edges Trinity College 1-0

WESTFIELD – Senior forward Josh Severns (Suffield, Conn.) scored in the 13th minute to lift Westfield State University to a 1-0 victory over Trinity College in a non-conference men's soccer game on Wednesday evening.

Westfield upped its record to 8-2-1; Trinity is 5-3-2.

Registering assists on Severns' goal were sophomore midfielder Dan Brady (Wilbraham, Mass.) and senior forward Tim Parsons (Buzzards Bay, Mass.). Brady lofted a pass to Parsons, who headed the ball past several Bantams in the direction of the goal. Marked by a defender, Severns settled the ball with his chest then ripped a short-range shot for the game winner.

Both teams had 10 shots, with Westfield holding an 8-3 edge in the first half. Trinity passed well between the 20-yard lines but the Bantams were unable to crack the Owl defense. Trinity's best scoring opportunity came with eight seconds remaining in regulation when a shot by Dan Mayernick was wide of the right post.

Both goalies – Trinity's Grant Schonberg and Westfield's Jeff Pepoli – recorded four saves.

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## *Second half goals pace WSU to win*

CHICOPEE – Elms College senior goalkeeper Ryan Sullivan (Agawam, Mass.) notched 10 saves, but Westfield State University's David Anderson (Springfield, Mass.) struck for three goals as the Owls used four second half scores to stake a 5-0 win over the Blazers in a non-conference men's soccer game at Leary Field Tuesday.

With the loss, Elms moves to 2-4 on the season, while Westfield State improves to 5-1-1 overall.

In the opening stanza, the sides played to a scoreless tie through the first 40 minutes until Anderson was pulled down in the box and was awarded a penalty kick and capitalized with a quick strike to the left corner of the net giving the Owls a 1-0 lead which it held until intermission.

Eight minutes into the second half, Westfield State struck again, this time when Tim Parsons (Buzzards Bay, Mass.) lofted a beautiful service to Kyle Yelin (Southwick, Mass.) who scored to give the Owls a 2-0 lead. Five minutes later, Jon Principato (Stoneham, Mass.) put Westfield State ahead, 3-0 with 30 minutes to play in the contest when he beat the keeper on a breakaway.

Anderson tallied his second and third goals of the game via breakaway and a well-executed give-and-go with Dan Brady (Wilbraham, Mass.) to set the final score at 5-0.

Westfield State edged the Blazers in shots in the first half, 12-7, but enjoyed a 15-3 shot differential in the final 45 minutes to help keep the pressure on Elms' defensive third.

Elms' freshman defender Anthony Nitri (Feeding Hills, Mass.) blasted two shots on target sophomore forward Ziggy Jonathan (Springfield, Mass.), freshman forward Joseph Coleman (Easthampton, Mass.) and freshman midfielder Josh DiNoto (Branford, Conn.) fired one shot on net each.

Owls' goalkeeper Keith Hevey (Chicopee, Mass.) was stellar between the pipes stopping five shots en route to his second victory of the season.

Elms returns to action on Saturday, Sept. 24 when it hosts Newbury College in its New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) opener at 3:00 p.m. at Leary Field.

*The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat as the ball crosses the goal line, giving Westfield a 1-0 win over MCLA.* **(Photos by Mickey Curtis)**

# Owls gain edge in 1-0 win

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior midfielder Justin Laliberte (Easthampton) scored 2:06 into overtime to lift Westfield State University to a 1-0 men's soccer victory over Western Mass. rival MCLA on Saturday, Oct. 22.

The key conference victory snapped the Owls' four-game losing skid. Westfield is 9-6-1 overall and 3-2-1 in the MASCAC. The Owls' final regular season game is Saturday, Oct. 29, when they host Framingham State at 11:00 a.m. MCLA dropped to 5-9-1 and 1-4-1.

Laliberte's game-winning goal was set up following a cross by Josh Severns that moved the MCLA goalie out of the box. Two MCLA defenders stopped the ball from crossing the goal line several times as Laliberte and teammate Tim Parsons kept hammering the ball. Laliberte finally sent the ball across the goal line and the Westfield players erupted.

Westfield outshot MCLA, 11-5, and the Owls also led in corner kicks, 8-2.

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# WSU soccer ranked third

By CHRIS PUTZ
*Staff Writer*

WESTFIELD – In a vote of league coaches, the Owls of Westfield State University are the preseason pick to finish third among 2011 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference men's soccer teams.

Westfield State, which received 49 points, finished behind Salem State (56 points) and Bridgewater (55). The regular season league champion Owls (14-3) return all of their starters this season.

Salem State, the defending two-time MASCAC tournament champs, captured three first-place votes and eked out Bridgewater State, who actually collected four first-place votes. Westfield State edged Framingham (44), the only other team who managed a first-place vote.

MCLA (30 points), Massachusetts Maritime (21), Worcester State (17), and Fitchburg State (16) rounded out the conference's remaining eight.

Westfield State kicks off its season Sept. 3-4 in the Springfield College Classic. The Owls open with Western New England College Saturday, Sept. 3 at 2:15, and host their home opener Sept. 7 against Albertus Magnus before hitting the road for four straight (Sage College, Western Conn., Bridgewater State, Elms) during a two-week stretch.

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***Bill Reagan had the first of three second-half goals in the Owls' comeback victory.*** **(File photo by Fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)**

# WSU's Principato lifts Owls

GLENMONT, NY – The Westfield State University men's soccer team rallied from a 2-0 deficit to collect a 3-2 road win over the Gators of Sage College. Junior midfielder Jon Principato (Stoneham, MA/Stoneham) tallied the game-winner to help the Owls improve to 3-1. Sage drops to 3-0-1 on the year. Sage led 2-0 at the half as sophomore midfielder Wesley Finch (Newburgh, NY/Newburgh Free Academy) tallied his second and third goals of the season on a pair of breakaways at 16:09 and 20:46. WSU's offense exploded for three goals in a five-minute span to overtake the Gators. Junior Bill Reagan (Oak Bluffs, MA/Martha's Vineyard) converted a pass off a corner kick from senior Josh Severns (Suffield, CT/Suffield) at 26:38 in the season half. Senior Nick Gale (Cheshire, MA/Hoosac Valley) on a pass from Jared Spicer (Carver, MA/Carver) at 22:12.. Eighteen second later, Pricipato capitalized on a feed from Justin Laliberte

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# WSU shuts out MMA to go 6-1-1

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Westfield State University won its first MASCAC men's soccer game and boosted its overall record to 6-1-1 with a 4-0 victory over Massachusetts Maritime Academy on Saturday evening.

The Owls are 1-0-1 in the MASCAC while Mass. Maritime dropped to 0-6 and 0-2.

Westfield took a 1-0 halftime lead on a goal by senior Justin Laliberte (Easthampton) in the 30th minute. After receiving a pass from senior Sam LaBonte (Westhampton), Laliberte executed a one touch by the goalie on a closely defended breakawa

The Owls upped their lead to 2-0 in the 47th minute when senior Josh Severns (Suffield, CT) took a thru ball from senior Kyle Yelin (Southwick) and one touched it past the goalie.

Bill Lund (Monson), a junior transfer from Castleton State, scored his first goal of the season in the 81st minute. Sophomore back Eric Andreski (Westfield) scored on a header off a corner in the 88th minute; Dan Brady (Wilbraham) had the assist.

Westfield only outshot Mass. Maritime, 25-22, including an 11-8 first-half advantage. Owl goalie Jeff Pepoli (Ashburnham) recorded 12 saves; Mass Maritime keeper Brett Young had nine saves.

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*Kyle Yelin scored two goals vs. Fitchburg State.*(faf-dogfotos.smugmug.com)

# Westfield Men's Soccer holds off Fitchburg, 3-2

## *Southwick's Yelin scores two goals*

FITCHBURG, Mass. (October 1, 2011) – Senior Kyle Yelin (Southwick, Mass.) registered a pair of goals to lead the Westfield State men's soccer team to a 3-2 MASCAC victory over Fitchburg State University this evening at Elliot Field.

Yelin sparked the Owls offense, touching for goals in each half for an early 2-1 lead. Yelin put Westfield State on the board in the 25th minute, taking a far cross from Justin Laliberte (Easthampton, Mass.) and heading it up and over Falcon keeper Aidan Hanratty (E. Bridgewater, Mass.) for a 1-0 advantage.

Fitchburg State netted the equalizer near the end of the first half as sophomore Chris Kleindl (Tokyo, Japan/American School) connected on a low-lining strike from 20 yards out. Senior Danny Bolam (Fletcher, Vt./BFA Airfax) found Kleindl in the center of the field and sophomore striker hit home for his second goal of the season.

In the second frame, Westfield struck first off the foot of Yelin, who took a direct kick and deposited into the top right corner of the net. Sophomore Dave Anderson (Springfield, Mass./Sabis International) also recorded a goal for the Owls as a Bill Lund (Monson, Mass./Monson) dump pass found the second-year forward with a wide open shot on net for a 3-1 advantage.

Fitchburg State swung the momentum in its favor down the stretch as Kleindl connected for his second score of the game in the 76th minute. Kleindl converted a header off junior Jason Pereira's (Wilmington, Mass./Wilmington) corner kick, bringing the Falcons within one at 3-2.

The Falcons rifled off several more attempts in the closing minutes, coming within inches of tying the score, but senior goalkeeper Jeff Pepoli's (Ashburnham, Mass./Cushing Academy) two second half saves proved to be key in the Owls victory. Hanratty finished with six saves for the Falcons as Westfield State held a 16-7 advantage in shot attempts and 5-2 margin in corners.

Fitchburg State (1-9-0, 0-3-0 MASCAC) will be back in action on Thursday as it hosts Daniel Webster College at 7 p.m. Westfield State (7-2-1, 2-0-1 MASCAC) will travel to Trinity College at 4 p.m.

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# COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER: Framingham Eliminates Westfield, 4-3

## *Owls Comeback Falls Short In MASCAC Tournament*

FRAMINGHAM – The top seeded Framingham State University men's soccer team defeated fourth seed Westfield State, 4-3, this afternoon in the semifinals of the 2011 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's soccer championship at Maple Street Field.

Framingham State improves to 7-8-3 overall on the year and will meet the winner of the other semi-final, which is being played later this afternoon between Salem State and Worcester State, in the championship game on Saturday afternoon at Framingham at 1 p.m. The winner of the championship round receives the MASCAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championships.Westfield, which rallied from a 3-1 early second half deficit to tie the score, finishes its season with a 10-7-1 record. Westfield had defeated Framingham, 1-0, in the regular season finale last Saturday,

The Rams took a 1-0 lead just two minutes into the game as sophomore Ronaldo Vieira (Framingham, Mass.) took a pass and carried the ball into the box beating the Owls goal keeper who had come off his line with a well-placed shot in the far corner.

Ten minutes later, the Owls had two chances to tie the score, but FSU goalkeeper Sam Yoder (Southbridge, Mass.) came up with a pair of big saves. Senior Tim Parsons (Buzzards Bay, Mass.) sent a cross to junior Bill Lund (Monson, Mass.) in the box and Lund fired a shot on net, but Yoder came across the goal making a kick save to preserve the one goal lead. Just two minutes later, a Westfield shot deflected off a Ram defender and was headed towards the net, but Yoder was again able to knock the ball away.

The Rams extended their lead to 2-0 in the 29th minute when freshman Bryan DaSilva (Milford, Mass.) found the back of the net on a direct kick just outside the box.

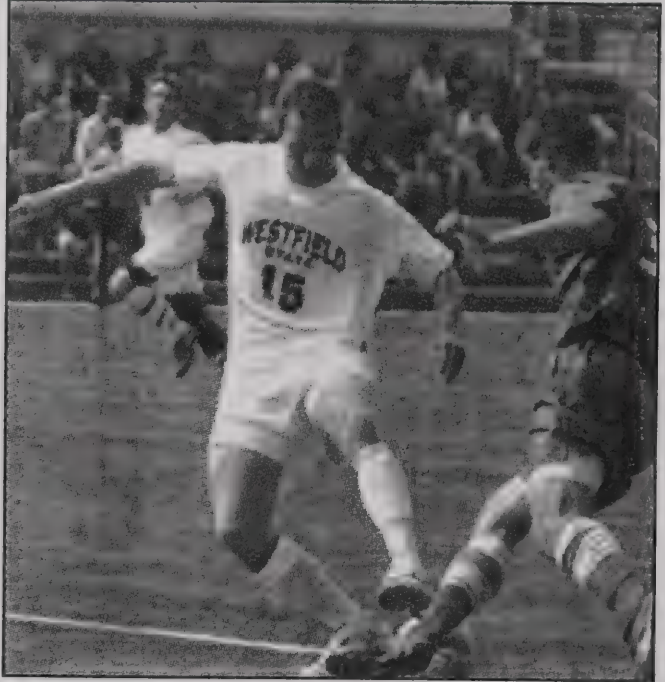
The Owls cut the Rams lead in half with 6:38 remaining in the first. Senior Justin Laliberte (Easthampton, Mass.) sent a shot on net that was knocked away by Yoder; classmate Nick Gale (Cheshire, Mass.) corralled the rebound and sent another shot on goal. Yoder made the save, but the rebound deflected to sophomore Kristian Driscoll (Lexington, Mass.) and Driscoll found the back of the net cutting the Rams lead to 2-1 at the half.

Framingham State pushed the lead back to two in the opening minutes of the second half. Senior Steve Lesiczka (Haverhill, Mass.) hit sophomore Romulo Carvalho (Milford, Mass.) with a pass on the right side and Carvalho placed a shot inside the far post for his fourth goal of the season.

The Owls answered with a pair of goals to tie the game at 3-3 with 30 minutes remaining. In the 52nd minute Laliberte took a throw in on the left sideline that Lund controlled in the box. Lund's shot slipped under the diving keeper cutting the deficit to one. In the 60th minute Laliberte sent a corner into the box that junior Bill Reagan (Oak Bluffs, Mass.) redirected into the goal for the equalizer.

The Rams broke the deadlock five minutes later in the 60th minute when DaSilva scored his second of the game. Freshman Cory Cardeiro (Fall River, Mass.) controlled the ball at midfield and dribbled into the Owls half laying a pass off to DaSilva. DaSilva fired a shot on net that the Owls keeper got his hands on, but the ball slipped through his fingers and into the goal for what proved to be the game-winner.

Both teams took 17 shots in the game, with the Owls holding a 5-0 edge in corner kicks. Yoder finished the game with nine saves for the Rams as he picked up his sixth win of the season. Westfield State goalkeeper Jeff Pepoli made seven saves and picked up the loss.



***Bill Reagan knotted the score at 3-3 with a second-half goal.***

# Three Owls Selected MASCAC All-Conference

Three Westfield State University seniors – forward Josh Severns (Suffield, CT), midfielder Justin Laliberte (Easthampton) and back Sam LaBonte (Westhampton) – were first-team selections on the 2011 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) all-conference men's soccer team.

Severns and Laliberte and repeat first-team picks. Severns led the Owls in scoring this season with 18 points (8 goals, 2 assists) and Laliberte ranked second with 16 points (5 goals, 6 assists).

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# Volleyball wins, women's soccer ties in Tuesday night action against Elms

**Rob Donoghue**
Sports Editor

Westfield State's women's volleyball team improved to 2-8 on the season by taking its first home game of the year in straight sets over Elms College (25-18, 25-17, 25-12) on Tuesday, September 13.

Sophomore outside hitter Julia Warner led the Owls in the 3-0 win with 10 kills. Junior Kelsey Leonard had six kills and nine blocks while senior Alex Shaw had seven kills.

Senior captain Kerin DeGirolamo had 16 assists in the win, sophomore Lindsay Rescott finished with 11 digs and sophomore Kayleigh Shea had nine digs and two aces.

The Owls play their next five games on the road and will return home on Wednesday, September 28 to face Worcester State.

Leading 3-1 early in the second half, Westfield State's women's soccer team allowed Elms senior midfielder Amanda Alvarad to score two second-half goals in a 3-3 double overtime tie on Tuesday night.

Freshman midfielder Ashleigh Chretien scored all three goals for the Owls in an impressive hat trick performance.

Chretien scored the first goal of the game just five minutes in and scored her last two goals in the first five minutes of the second half.

But her terrific night was not enough to get Westfield the win as Alvarad scored her second goal of the game with just a few minutes left in regulation to tie the game at 3-3.

*photo by westfieldstateowls.com*

Members of Westfield's women's soccer team celebrate after a goal against Elms.

Neither team was able to score in the two overtime periods forcing the game to end in a tie.

Junior Kayley Miller had eight shots on goal and an assists for Westfield. Sophomore Jess Habif and freshman Nicky Stasz both saw time in net for the Owls.

Westfield takes on Bridgewater State this Saturday, September 17, at 3:00 at Alumni Field.

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# Rivard and Principato named MASCAC soccer players of the week

*WSU Athletic Department*

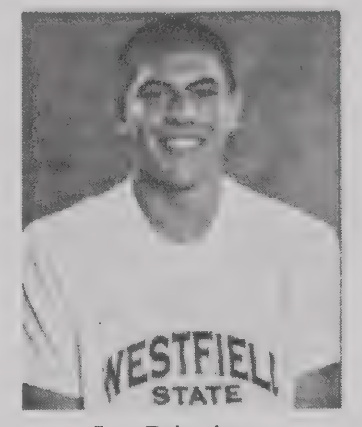
Junior forward Leann Rivard (Chicopee/ Comp HS) was selected as the MassachusettsState Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's soccer co-player of the week on Monday, September 12.

Rivard tallied four goals and an assist for the Owls (4-1-1), including two goals in a 2-0 win over Vassar and an assist in a big 1-0 victory over Springfield College.

Leann Rivard

She also scored a goal in a 3-2 triumph over Keene State and a 3-1 win over Husson.

Westfield State University junior midfielder Jon Principato (Stoneham, Mass.) was selected as the MASCAC men's soccer co-player of the week.


Jon Principato

Principato netted a pair of goals and three assists for the 3-1 Owls, including the game-winning tally in a 3-2 comeback victory at the Sage Colleges.

He added a marker in a 2-0 victory over Johnson & Wales to go with a pair of assists in a 4-1 win over Albertus Magnus.

*Photos by WSU Athletic Department*

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Westfield State shuts out Salem State, 2-

WESTFIELD , Mass. – The Ludlow Connection of junior forwards Brittanie McGregor and Kayley Miller teamed up for two goals and two assists to lead Westfield State University to a 2-0 women's soccer victory over Salem State University on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15.

Westfield improved to 10-3-1 overall and 3-2 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. Salem is 5-6-3 and 0-3-2.

McGregor scored both goals on nearly identical deep cross passes from the left side by Miller in the 15th and 62nd minutes. McGregor ranks third in team scoring with 14 points (6 goals, 2 assists), while Miller is second in scoring with 19 points (7 goals, 5 assists).

The Owls controlled play for the most part, outshooting the Vikings, 22-9, and leading in corner kick 9-4.

Salem goalie Leah Potch notched nines while Westfic sophomore keeper Jess Habif h five saves.

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# 2011 Westfield State Women's Soccer Roster

| NO | NAME | CL | POS | HT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
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| 2 | Alannah Vargus * | SO | M | 5-2 | E. Bridgewater (Cardinal Spellman) |
| 3 | Amanda Martins * | JR | B | 5-2 | Ludlow |
| 4 | Leann Rivard ** | JR | F | 5-2 | Chicopee (Comp) |
| 5 | Madison Farrell *** | SR | B | 5-4 | Dedham |
| 6 | Brittanie McGregor * | JR | F | 5-6 | Ludlow |
| 7 | Ashleigh Chretien | FR | M | 5-5 | North Attleboro |
| 8 | Colleen Bazinet ** | JR | B | 5-8 | Charlton (Shepherd Hill) |
| 9 | Kayley Miller * | JR | F | 5-5 | Ludlow |
| 10 | Rachel Boulette | FR | B | 5-6 | Enfield, CT |
| 11 | Sarah Sypek | FR | B | 5-2 | Westhampton (Hampshire Regional) |
| 12 | Lauren McLaughlin | FR | M | 5-8 | Pittsfield |
| 13 | Kate Wye *** | SR | B | 5-6 | Blackstone (Blackstone-Millville) |
| 14 | Ashley Kulik *** | SR | F | 5-6 | Granby, CT |
| 15 | Lauren Marshall * | SO | M | 5-4 | West Springfield |
| 16 | Maggie Kerr | FR | F | 5-3 | Shrewsbury |
| 18 | Heather Dragon *** | SR | B | 5-4 | Westhampton (Hampshire Regional) |
| 19 | Katelyn Wood | FR | B | 5-6 | Suffield, CT |
| 20 | Courtney Wood * | SO | M | 5-4 | Whitinsville (Northbridge) |
| 22 | Megan Lussier | FR | M | 5-7 | Dalton (Wahconah Regional) |
| 24 | Kayla Hogan | FR | B | 5-3 | Norfolk (King Philip) |
| 25 | Emily Malone | FR | M | 5-2 | Grafton |
| 29 | Erin Linsenbigler | SO | B | 5-2 | Suffield, CT |
| 32 | Molly Delaney | FR | G | 5-7 | Springfield (Central) |
| 33 | Jess Habif * | SO | G | 5-5 | Holliston |
| 34 | Nicky Stasz | FR | G | 5-6 | Easthampton (Hampshire Regional) |

*** - Years Played at Westfield State before 2011 season**

**Head Coach: Todd Ditmar (7th year)** **Assistant Coach: Tom Pereira (2nd year)**
**Volunteer Assistants: Jonathan Sicard (2nd year); Jill Ranney (1st year), Ali Pease (1st year)**
**Captains: Heather Dragon, Madison Farrell, Ashley Kulik, Kate Wye**

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*Westfield State University seniors, left to right:*
*Heather Dragon, Ashley Kulik, Kate Wye, Madison Farrell.*

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# Westfield State wins on kicks

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By ROBBIN JONES JR.
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The Owls will face Williams on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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# Owls head to New Jersey for NCAAs

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## *Westfield plays host team Stevens Institute on Saturday*

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University women's soccer team faces Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, NJ) in the opening round of the NCAA Division III women's soccer championships on Saturday, Nov. 12. The start time is 11:00 a.m. at Stevens Institute's Castle Point field.

Stevens Institute is the host school for the first and second round NCAA action; in Saturday's other matchup Williams College plays Virginia Wesleyan College at 1:30 p.m. The winners advance to the second round game on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Stevens Institute improved to 14-3-3 after capturing the Empire 8 conference championship for the second straight year. Both Westfield and Stevens defeated Vassar during the regular season. Stevens edged Vassar in overtime, 2-1, while Westfield topped Vassar, 2-1, in the season opener.

The Owls enter postseason play with a 15-3-1 record after defeating rival Worcester State University, 1-0, in the the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) championship game. The 15 victories this season are the second most in school history.

The Owls own victories over NCAA tournament teams Springfield College, 1-0, and Eastern Connecticut, 2-1, along with a 1-0 loss to Skidmore College, which received an NCAA at-large bid..

Westfield is led in scoring by a trio of junior forwards: Kayley Miller (Ludlow, Mass.), Leann Rivard (Chicopee, Mass.) and Brittanie McGregor (Ludlow, Mass.). Miller, who was named the MASCAC tournament MVP, has scored 39 points (15 goals, 9 assists), the second most in a season in school history. Rivard

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*Westfield State seniors proudly display the MASCAC championship trophy. Left to right are: Ashley Kulik, Madison Farrell, Heather Dragon, Kate Wye.* (Photo by Steve Miller, Worcester State SID)

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has tallied 31 points, tying a school record for most assists in a season with 15. McGregor has played particularly well the second half of the season and enters the NCAA tournament with 29 points (12 goals, 5 assists).

Freshman starters Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro, Mass.) and Sarah Sypek (Westhampton, Mass.) have played significant roles in the Owls' success. Chretien has 20 points (6 goals, 8 assists) and Sypek is one of the top defenders in the MASCAC.

Solidify the Westfield defense that has allowed 18 goals in 19 games are senior defenders Heather Dragon (Westhampton, Mass.), Kate Wye (Blackstone, Mass.) and Madison Farrell (Dedham, Mass.). The Owls have a pair of capable goalies in sophomore Jess Habif (Holliston, Mass.) and Nicky Stasz (Easthampton, Mass.). Habif owns an 11-1-1 record with a 0.79 goals against average.

**NCAA Championship First and Second Round Schedule**

**Saturday, November 12** – NCAA First Round

Westfield State University (15-3-1) at Stevens (14-3-3) – 11 a.m.

Williams College (10-4-3) vs. Virginia Wesleyan College (18-3-0) – 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, November 13** – NCAA Second Round

Westfield State/Stevens winner vs. Williams/Virginia Wesleyan winner – 1 p.m.

A preview of the pod will be released on Thursday with a breakdown on all four institutions competing in the opening rounds.

** Note all games will be webcasted on empire8.tv and live stats.

General admission tickets will cost $6 for each day. For the first round games, the purchased ticket is valid for both contests. Seniors and students with ID will be charged $3 and children under 13 will cost $2 for admission.

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# Women's soccer's historic tourney run comes to an end

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

For a team to advance to the NCAA Tournament is one thing; winning its first round game and coming up short in the second round is another thing.

Westfield State University's women's soccer team advanced to the NCAA tourney after winning the MASCAC tournament and traveled to New Jersey last Saturday, Nov. 12 to play 18th ranked Stevens Institute of Technology in the first round at Stevens' home field.

Though the Lady Owls were out shot by their opponents 30-17 and trailed midway through the second half, it did not matter as a wide-open Kayley Miller scored in the 76th minute for Westfield to tie the game at one apiece.

Following some key defensive stops and saves from goalie Jess Habif, who had 15 saves in the game, the game went into overtime. After 30 minutes of scoreless soccer, the two teams went to penalty kicks.

At this time, Westfield coach Todd Ditmar made a game changing decision and chose not to play Habif in the penalty shootout and instead put in freshman Nicky Stasz.

According to Ditmar, "Nicky is better at penalty kicks than Jess is and Jess agreed." Westfield then calmly made all five of its attempts as Miller, Ashleigh Chretien, Colleen Bazinet, Maggie Kerr and Katelyn Wood all made their shots, while Stevens was only able to make four of their five shots.

Therefore, the Owls were able to come from behind and defeat Stevens to advance to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history where they would face 15th ranked Williams College on Sunday.

However, luck was not on Westfield's side against Williams. The Owls took the early 1-0 lead when senior Kate Wye headed in a corner kick from Miller five minutes into the game.

But Williams made a tactical change after the goal and played more players in the midfield. This move seemed to help Williams control play for the rest of the half and they were also aided by an injury to Miller, who tried to return later in the game but was not the same. The Owls severely missed her crossing abilities.

photo by David Caspole

Members of the team celebrate after beating Stevens.

In the 34th minute Williams finally found the net on a controversial penalty kick.

When Brett Eisenhart beat Habif to a cross in the box, Habif attempted to lunge for the ball and was charged with a foul for taking the attacker to the ground.

Habif was awarded a yellow card and it gave Williams a penalty kick. Lilly Wellenbach stepped up to take the shot for Williams and scored to tie the game.

After controlling most of the second half, Williams was once again given a golden opportunity to score thanks to a Westfield tripping foul. Williams scored the game-winning goal in the 70th minute after the ensuing foul.

Caitlyn Clark took the free kick and delivered a cross into the box to Nicole Stenquist, who put the ball into the net to give Williams a 2-1 lead.

The Owls were unable to formulate any offensive pressure in the second half and were fortunate the game wasn't more out of reach mainly thanks to Habif's nine saves.

With the loss Westfield finished the season at 15-4-2. Though the team did lose, the Lady Owls accomplished something that no other Westfield women's soccer team had done by advancing to the second round of the tournament.

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## Local colleges

The Lord Jeffs will face Eastern Connecticut State in the second round on Sunday at 1 p.m.

### FIELD HOCKEY

**Amherst 2, Skidmore 0:** Katie McMahon tallied a goal and an assist as Amherst (15-3) advanced to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals against Middlebury on Sunday at 1 p.m.

**Mount Holyoke 2, University of New England 1 (2 OT):** Shara Robertson scored both goals for Mount Holyoke (15-5), including the game-winner just 3:39 into the second overtime, in the Eastern College Athletic Conference semifinals.

The third-seeded Lyons will face top-seeded Plymouth State for the ECAC championship on Sunday at noon.

### FOOTBALL

**AIC 54, Pace 6:** Bryant Fitzgerald rushed for 209 yards and three touchdowns on 19 carries for AIC (6-4, 5-3 Northeast-10).

The Yellow Jackets rushed for 395 yards, including Eriksen Simmons (103 yards and a touchdown), who complemented Fitzgerald well in the Yellow Jackets backfield.

**Union 44, Springfield 36:** Quarterback Josh Carter rushed for 299 yards and four touchdowns and added a 29-yard passing touchdown to Mike Davis for Springfield (6-4).

Carter had touchdown runs of 38, 63, 60, and 64 yards.

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*ld and Bridgewater played their MASCAC tourna- omen's soccer game surrounded by banks of snow field State's Alumni Field.*

## LEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

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## *advance to MASCAC championship*

STFIELD Mass. – The Ludlow Connection of junior for- Kayley Miller (2 goals) and Brittanie McGregor (1 goal, sts) powered Westfield State University to a 3-0 victory Bridgewater State University in a Massachusetts State Col- e Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's soccer tour- nt semifinal game on Thursday evening.

stfield, the No. 2 seed, boosted its record to 14-3-1 and lay at No. 1 seed Worcester State University in the MAS- championship game on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 4:30 p.m. The er receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III na- l tournament.

orcester State advanced to the championship game with a victory over No. 4 seed Fitchburg State on Thursday ing. Bridgewater State, the No. 3 seed, is 11-7-1. Worces- Westfield, and Bridgewater tied for the MASCAC regular son crown with 5-2 records.

he Owls, who defeated the Bears, 4-1, during the regular son, led 2-0 at halftime as the Ludlow Connection teamed for a pair of goals.

n the fifth minute McGregor delivered a thru ball to the left e to Miller, who blasted a shot from 10 yards inside the far st after splitting two defenders. In the 24th minute, McGregor ssed a pass from the left side to Miller, who fired a low shot to the back of the net inside the left post.

It was McGregor's 14th goal of season; she also has 37 points is season, the third best in school history.

Westfield capped its scoring in the 49th minute when McGre- or tallied her 12th goal this season (29 points) after assists om freshman Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro) and junior eann Rivard (Chicopee/Comp HS).

It was Rivard's 15th assist this season, which ties the single- eason record set in 2009 by Kate MacLellan.

Westfield outshot Bridgewater, 16-7, and also led in corners, 10-1.

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*Speedy freshman defender Sarah Sypek has been a key player in the Owls' early season success.* (File Photo By Mickey Curtis)

# Owls handle Husson, 3-1, to remain unbeaten

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – The Westfield State women's soccer team defeated Husson, 3-1, on day one of the Skidmore Invitational at Wachenheim Field. The Owls improve to 4-0, while the Eagles fall to 1-3.

Leann Rivard got the scoring started early for Westfield when she blasted a shot from the top of the box and found the back of the net to make it 1-0 in the seventh minute.

The Owls opened up the second half just as quickly, scoring in just under six minutes on Kayley Miller's free kick just outside the box to make it 2-0. Westfield pushed the lead to 3-0 in the 62nd minute when Ashleigh Chretien put one home off a centering pass from Amanda Martins.

Husson was able to get on the board late after Katie DeShane got behind the defense and beat the keeper one-on-one at the 82:29 mark.

Jess Habif earned the win in goal for Westfield as she recorded two saves. Jade Keezer took the loss for the Eagles despite an eight-save performance.

The Owls held a 17-4 shot advantage.

Westfield St. will face off against Skidmore on Sunday, Sept. 11, in the final game of the Skidmore Invitational at 2 p.m. The game can be viewed on Live Stats. Husson will take on Farmingdale St. at 11:30 a.m.

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# WSU women's soccer routs MMA, 8-0

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass. — Junior Leann Rivard (Chicopee, Mass.) netted a pair of goals and an assist for five points to lead Westfield State University to an 8-0 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's soccer victory over Massachusetts Maritime Saturday afternoon at Clean Harbors Stadium.

Rivard tallied twice and provided the helper on junior Kayle Miller's (Ludlow, Mass.) marker in the opening 26-plus minutes of

*Freshman goalie Nicky Stasz had an assist on Heather Dragon's goal at Mass. Maritime.*

2-0 MASCAC), who also received goals from freshman Sarah Sypek (Westhampton, Mass.) in the 27th minute and senior Heather Dragon (Westhampton, Mass.) in the 41st minute to take a 5-0 advantage at the break.

Senior Ashley Kulik's (Granby, Conn.) marker 4:42 after intermission extended the Owl edge to 6-0, and senior Kate Wye's (Blackstone, Mass.) tally in the 84th minute, coupled with an own goal with 1:18 remaining, closed contest.

Kulik collected a goal and an assist in the triumph for Westfield State, which also received a pair of assists from freshman Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro, Mass.) as well as single helpers from junior Kayley Miller (Ludlow, Mass.) and freshmen Megan Lussier (Dalton, Mass.) and Rachel Boulette (Enfield, Conn.).

Freshman Nicky Stasz (Easthampton, Mass.), who picked up an assist on Dragon's

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# Westfield outkicks Stevens Institute

## *Lady Owls advance in NCAA Tournament*

HOBOKEN, N.J. – The Westfield State University women's soccer team advanced in the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time in school history by eliminating Stevens Institute of Technology in penalty kicks on Saturday.

Westifield, 15-3-2, played to a 1-1 deadlock with the host school Stevens Institute (14-3-4) in 110 minutes of action. The Owls then calmly controlled the penalty kicks, outscoring the Ducks, 5-3.

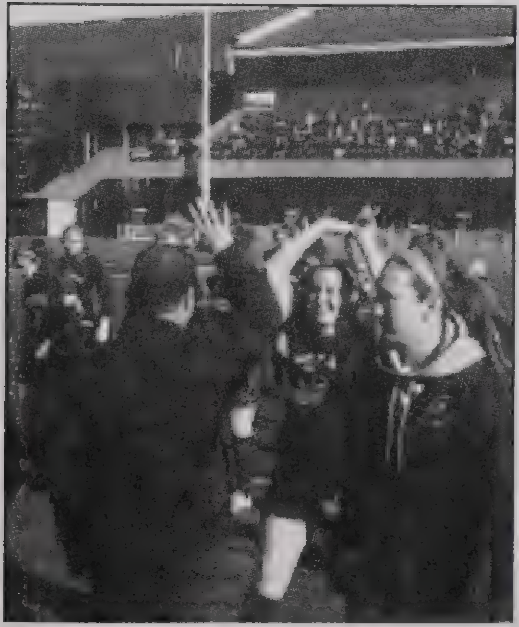
The Owls were expected to play Williams College in a second round game. Williams, ranked 20th nationally, defeated Virginia Wesleyan, 1-0, in Saturday's other first round game in Hoboken.

"Williams is really good and I don't know how Virginia Wesleyan is but we reached our goal (of advancing)," said Westfield coach Todd Ditmar. "We'll see what happens tomorrow, we have nothing to lose."

After a scoreless first half, Stevens, ranked 18th nationally, took a 1-0 lead in the 62nd minute on a free kick from 23 yards by Kathleen Schuckers. Westfield junior standout Kayley Miller(Ludlow) netted the equalizer in the 76th minute when she scored an unassisted goal off a failed clear attempt.

"Stevens had some big, strong players – 5-10, 5-11, six feet," said Ditmar. "But we thought we could play with them."

*Freshman Katelyn Wood delivered the game-clinching penalty kick.*



Westfield took the first penalty kick and freshman Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro) gave the Owls a 1-0 lead. The Stevens goalie got a piece of Chretien's shot but the ball rolled inside the left post.

On Stevens' first attempt, Caitlyn Labonte's shot was no good as it hit the left post.

Both teams scored on their next three attempts. Miller and junior Colleen Bazinet (Charlton) coolly hit the back of the net on the right side and freshman Maggie Kerr (Shrewsbury) duplicated the feat on the left side.

Katelyn Wood (Suffield, CT) – the third freshmen to take a penalty kick – then clinched the big NCAA Tournament game for the Owls when she calmly placed the ball in the back of the net inside the right post.

"We had two non-starters (Kerr, Wood) in there for penalty kicks but we practiced (penalty kicks) all week and those were our top five," said Ditmar. Also, the Owls played without standout junior midfielder/forward Leann Rivard, who is sidelined with a season-ending injury.

Stevens outshot Westfield, 30-17, and Owl sophomore goalie Jess Habif (Holliston) stood out with 15 saves, including six in overtime.

"Habif was outstanding, she made some incredible saves," said Ditmar.

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Fitchburg State clips WSU, 1-0

WESTFIELD , Mass. – Senior midfielder Katie Hayward headed in a corner kick in the 83rd minute to lift Fitchburg State University to a 1-0 victory over Westfield State University in a Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's soccer showdown on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Fitchburg remains unbeaten in MASCASC play with a 3-0 record and is 9-1 overall. Westfield is 2-1 and 8-2-1.

Kayla Bridges assisted on the game-winner as her corner kick sailed six feet in front of the net. Hayward headed in the game-winner past goalie Nicky Stasz, who was attempting to punch the ball.

Westfield outshot Fitchburg a staggering 31-10, but the Owls were unable to put the finishing touches on a number of solid scoring opportunities. Kayley Miller hit the upper right post with 13 minutes remaining and Westfield had another shot attempt drop just over the cross-bar.

Falcon goalie Jillian Kirouac registered 18 saves in the big road victory.

*Another Westfield State shot sails wide of the goal.*

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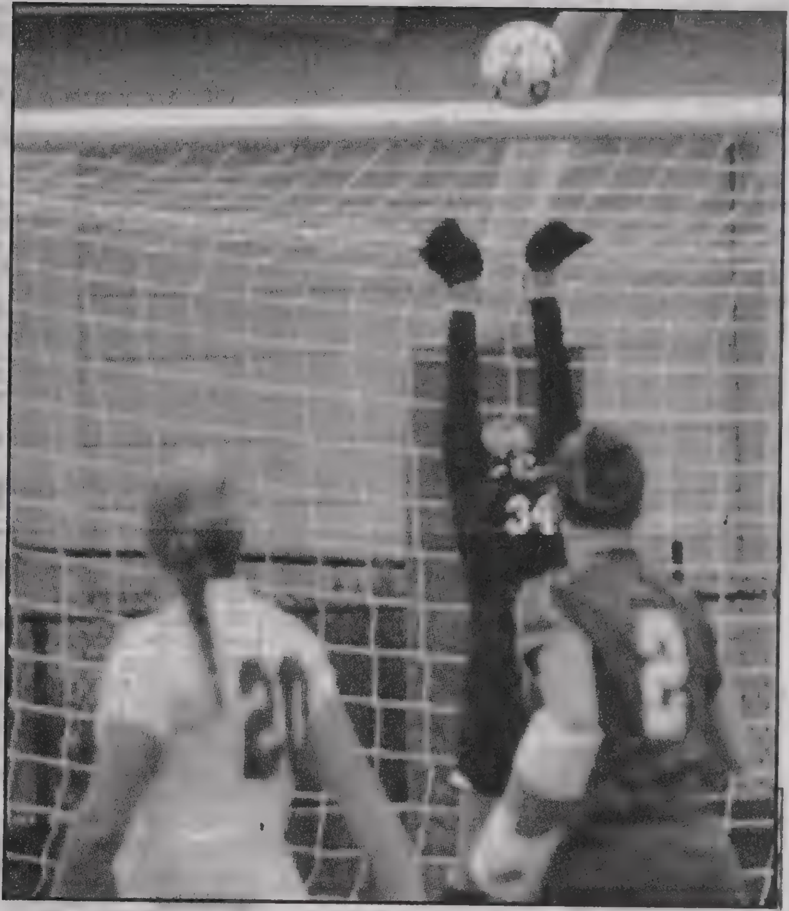
*Alannah Vargus is defended as she heads downfield.*
**(Photos by Mickey Curtis)**



*Westfield goalie Nicky Stasz slaps the ball off the crossbar for a save during second-half action.*

# *WSU rallies past ECSU*

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Freshman Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro) and junior Brittanie McGregor (Ludlow) scored second-half goals to lead Westfield State University to a 2-1 comeback victory over Eastern Connecticut State University in non-conference women's soccer action on Wednesday evening.

Westfield boosted its record to 6-1-1 heading into its conference game this Saturday at Mass. Maritime Academy. Eastern Connecticut – an NCAA Tournament team that defeated Westfield twice last season (1-0 and 2-1) – drops to 3-4.

The Warriors took a 1-0 halftime lead as junior Kelly Wallace (South Windsor, CT) scored in the 37th minute after receiving a nice pass at the top of the box from Daniela Marchitto (Orange, CT). Wallace slipped the ball inside the left post.

Westfield knotted the score in the 50th minute on Chretien's fifth goal of the season. She tucked the ball inside the left post after receiving a touch pass from junior forward Kayley Miller (Ludlow).

The game-winning goal came in the 70th minute. Junior forward Leann Rivard delivered the ball in the box and McGregor came up with the loose ball on a scramble in front of the frame and booted the game winner through the goalie's hands.

Westfield outshot Eastern Connecticut, 23-14 and also led in corners, 6-2.

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# Owls head to New Jersey for NCAAs

## *Westfield plays host team Stevens Institute on Saturday*

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University women's soccer team faces Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, NJ) in the opening round of the NCAA Division III women's soccer championships on Saturday, Nov. 12. The start time is 11:00 a.m. at Stevens Institute's Castle Point field.

Stevens Institute is the host school for the first and second round NCAA action; in Saturday's other matchup Williams College plays Virginia Wesleyan College at 1:30 p.m. The winners advance to the second round game on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Stevens Institute improved to 14-3-3 after capturing the Empire 8 conference championship for the second straight year. Both Westfield and Stevens defeated Vassar during the regular season. Stevens edged Vassar in overtime, 2-1, while Westfield topped Vassar, 2-1, in the season opener.

The Owls enter postseason play with a 15-3-1 record after defeating rival Worcester State University, 1-0, in the the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) championship game. The 15 victories this season are the second most in school history.

The Owls own victories over NCAA tournament teams Springfield College, 1-0, and Eastern Connecticut, 2-1, along with a 1-0 loss to Skidmore College, which received an NCAA at-large bid..

Westfield is led in scoring by a trio of junior forwards: Kayley Miller (Ludlow, Mass.), Leann Rivard (Chicopee, Mass.) and Brittanie McGregor (Ludlow, Mass.). Miller, who was named the MASCAC tournament MVP, has scored 39 points (15 goals, 9 assists), the second most in a season in school history. Rivard has tallied 31 points, tying a school record for most assists in a season with 15. McGregor has played particularly well the second half of the season and enters the NCAA tournament with 29 points (12 goals, 5 assists).

*Westfield State seniors proudly display the MASCAC championship trophy. Left to right are: Ashley Kulik, Madiso Farrell, Heather Dragon, Kate Wye.* (Photo by Steve Miller, Worcester State SID)

Freshman starters Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro, Mass.) and Sarah Sypek (Westhampton, Mass.) have played significant roles in the Owls' success. Chretien has 20 points (6 goals, 8 assists) and Sypek is one of the top defenders in the MASCAC.

Solidify the Westfield defense that has allowed 18 goals in 19 games are senior defenders Heather Dragon (Westhampton, Mass.), Kate Wye (Blackstone, Mass.) and Madison Farrell (Dedham, Mass.). The Owls have a pair of capable goalies in sophomore Jess Habif (Holliston, Mass.) and Nicky Stasz (Easthampton, Mass.). Habif owns an 11-1-1 record with a 0.79 goals against average.

**NCAA Championship First and Second Round Sched**

**Saturday, November 12** – NCAA First Round

Westfield State University (15-3-1) at Stevens (14-3-3) - a.m.

Williams College (10-4-3) vs. Virginia Wesleyan Coll (18-3-0) – 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, November 13** – NCAA Second Round

Westfield State/Stevens winner vs. Williams/Virgi Wesleyan winner – 1 p.m.

A preview of the pod will be released on Thursday wit breakdown on all four institutions competing in the open rounds.

** Note all games will be webcasted on empire8.tv and l stats.

General admission tickets will cost $6 for each day. For first round games, the purchased ticket is valid for both c tests. Seniors and students with ID will be charged $3 children under 13 will cost $2 for admission.

# ls Claim MASCAC Women's Soccer Title

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*Westfield State University - 2011 MASCAC women's soccer champions.*

Following a tremendous team save in the 76th minute by Worcester State to thwart an insurance marker, the hosts outshot their opponents 6-1 in the final 10 minutes of the game. Freshman Shelby Archer again had the best chances in the 86th minute and again with 29 seconds left, but her first attempt was too far to the left and her second was scooped up by Habif.

Habif ended the contest with three saves in her second shutout of the tournament and her third this season. Sychtysz turned aside four shots in the setback for WSU.

Westfield State finished with a 15-12 edge in shots (7-3 on goal) and a 6-3 lead in corner kicks.

**OWLS CRUISE TO VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**: WESTFIELD – Westfield State University captured the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's volleyball tournament championship with a 3-0 victory (25-16, 25-13, 25-11) over Worcester State University on Saturday, Nov. 5.

It was the third consecutive MASCAC tournament championship for Westfield State, which also earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III national championship for the third straight year.

Westfield, 15-20 overall, was the No. 1 seed and dispatched No. 3 seed Bridgewater State, 3-0 (25-16, 25-18, 25-20) in the tournament semifinals, while No. 3 Worcester State (13-17), knocked off No. 2 seed Framingham State, 3-2, in Saturday's other semifinal match.

Westfield excelled in all areas vs. Worcester, led by tournament MVP Kerin DeGirolamo, a senior setter from North Attleboro. DeGirolamo directed the offensive attack with 27 assists on 35 kills for the Owls, whose tall frontline was too much for the Lancers. DeGirolamo also totaled six service aces and eight digs vs. Worcester.

"The team played well today," said veteran Westfield coach Fred Glanville. "Everybody contributed."

Worcester's only lead was in the first set, 6-5. Leading 13-12, Westfield went on a 7-2 run to take a 20-14 lead. Westfield expanded it lead to 23-15 after a DeGirolamo ace and closed out the set with a kill and an ace from Lindsay Prescott.

In the second set, Westfield bolted to leads of 10-2 and 20-6. In the third set, the Owls jumped out to a 7-0 lead behind the serving of DeGiromalo. She served on six of the points, including three aces.

Two consecutive blocks by Kelsey Leonard boosted the lead to 16-4 and the pig pile celebration began several minutes later.

Also playing well for the Owls along with DeGirolamo were: Alex Shaw (11 kills, 2 blocks), Prescott (9 kills, 2 aces), Julia Warner (7 kills, 11 digs), Kelley Dickson (8 digs), and Leonard (5 kills, 5 blocks).

Worcester State was led by Vicki O'Brien (14 digs), Joanne Grenier (13 assists), and Becky Lebel (4 kills, 10 digs).

**WSU GUNS DOWN FITCHBURG STATE:** The Westfield State football team registered 34 first half points to defeat host Fitchburg State University, 34-7 in New England Football Conference action Saturday afternoon at Elliot Field.

With the victory, Westfield State concludes its 2011 campaign with an overall record of 5-5 and a 4-3 mark in the NEFC, while Fitchburg State puts a close to its 2011 season with a 2-8 record and a 1-6 clip in the conference.

The Owls exploded for 28 first quarter points, using three Tyler Dow (Franklin, Mass./Franklin) touchdown passes, a pair of Falcon turnovers and blocked punt for an early 21-0 advantage. Dow connected with Kane Terilli (Cranston, R.I./Cranston West) for a 26 yard TD to open the game's scoring, before converting a Falcon three and out into a 71-yard bomb to Kevin Parnell (Berlin, Conn./Berlin). Dow struck again with 1:06 remaining the quarter, posting a 22 yard pass to Jeff Winchell (Scituate, R.I./Scituate), before defensive back Erik Wellhoff (Natick, Mass./Natick) capped the first-frame scoring with a 35 yard, pick six.

In the second quarter, Westfield State continued its offensive dominance, this time with the leg of junior Keenan Startzel (Rockland, Mass./Rockland). The third year kicker converted a pair of field goals, one earlier in the frame from 30 yards out, and one later in the period from 20 yards out to give Westfield a 34-0 margin at halftime.

Both teams' defenses came out strong following the break as both Westfield State and Fitchburg State remained scoreless in the third period. The Falcons were able to break their scoring silence in the fourth quarter with a nine yard TD run from Steph'fon Teague (Fitchburg, Mass./Fitchburg), but that's all Fitchburg State could muster, falling victim to four turnovers on the day.

Dow sparked the Westfield State offense with 10-of-20 passing, 197 yards and three touchdowns, while Andrew Buanno (Enfield, Conn./Enfield)averaged 7.2 yards on the ground with 58 yards over eight carries. Winchell led all Owl receivers with three catches for 57 yards and score, while Parnell added a pair of grabs, a team-high 65 yards and one TD.

Teague highlighted the Fitchburg State offense with 68 yards on 13 carries, while senior Jeremy Kimber (Fitchburg, Mass./Fitchburg) turned in three receptions for 53 yards.

On the defensive end, senior Anthony Bizzotto (Leominster, Mass./Leominster) continued his conference leading pace, posting 18 tackles with 11 solo efforts, seven assists, 2.5 TFL's and a half sack. Junior Justin Ehrhardt (Stoneham, Mass./Stoneham) led Westfield State with five tackles, whileAnthony Laramee (Wilbraham, Mass./Minnechaug) picked up a pair of sacks.

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# Westfield Women handle MCLA, 3-0

### MASCAC Race Tightens With Four Teams Tied For First Place

NORTH ADAMS – The Westfield State University women's soccer controlled play throughout the afternoon en route to a 3-0 MASCAC victory over MCLA at Shewcraft Field. The Owls outshot the Trailblazers 46-6 on the afternoon.

With the setback, the Trailblazers are now 6-8-1 overall, 2-3-1 in the league. Westfield earns a key victory in moving to 12-3-1 overall, including a 4-2 mark in conference play. There is a major jam for first place in the MASCAC and Worcester, Fitchburg and Bridgewater also own 4-2 records with one conference game remaining.

The Owls took control from the onset blistering MCLA keeper Jen Wehner. Leann Rivard opened the scoring beating Wehner off a Brittanie McGregor cross for a 1-0 lead just six minutes into the game. Wehner would keep Westfield scoreless throughout the remainder of the half even though she faced 23 shots.

Kayley Miller knocked home a feed from Sarah Sypek for a 2-0 advantage in the 52nd minute. McGregor rounded out her day by adding the final tally, taking a Rivard cross and knocking it home.

Wehner was spectacular in defeat stopping numerous shots from close range. Jess Habif and Nicky Stasz combined on the shutout for Westfield with Habif stopping five shots on the day.

Westfield's defensive standout in the shutout was Sypek, a freshman back from Hampshire Regional High School.

"Sarah was phenomenal; she was determinined and all over the field," said assistant coach Tom Pereira. "I think she won every 50/50 ball today. This was probably the best game she played all season."

MCLA is back in action on Tuesday when they travel to Mount Holyoke. Westfield is idle unti Friday, Oct. 28, when it plays at Framingham State at 3:30 in its final regular season game.

*Leann Rivard had the game-winning goal and also assisted on the third goal in Westfield's key 3-0 road victory at MCLA.*

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# NCAA Tourney, 2-1

## *Fall To Highly Ranked Ephs After Taking 1-0 Lead*

KEN, N.J. – Williams College over-
early 1-0 deficit to defeat Westfield
iversity, 2-1, in the second round of
A Division III women's soccer nation-
ionships on Sunday, Nov. 13, at
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Westfield bench also received a yellow card for disputing the critical call.

Williams scored the game-winning goal in the 70th minute after Westfield was whistled for another tripping foul. Caitlyn Clark took the free kick from 15 yards near the end line and delivered a cross into the box at the six to Nicole Stenquist, who blasted the ball into the net.

Westfield was only outshot, 11-8, in the final 45 minutes. Three of those shots came two minutes into the second half off a pair of corner kicks. Another solid scoring opportunity for the Owls came with approximately 10 minutes remaining when a shot by freshman Ashleigh Chretien sailed just wide of the left post.

"We really did not make any changes in the second half," said Ditmar. "We just told the players to defend the flanks better."

*Westfield goalie Jess Habif goes high for a corner kick that hits the crossbar.* **(Photo by David Caspole)**

*celebrate Kate Wye's header goal off a corner kick that gave them a 1-0 lead.* **(Photo**

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# Westfield women's soccer wins big on Senior Night

*WSU Athletic Department*

Junior forward Brittanie McGregor (Ludlow) registered a hat trick with three goals and junior forward Kayley Miller (Ludlow) had a goal and three assists as Westfield State University routed Rhode Island College, 7-0, in a non-conference women's soccer game last Tuesday night, October 18.

It was Senior Night for the Owls, who boosted their overall record to 11-3-1 heading into Saturday's key conference game vs. MCLA in North Adams. RIC dropped to 2-13, suffering its 13th straight setback.

The Owls jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead. McGregor scored the first two goals with assists from Miller.

Miller then scored in the 44th minute with freshman Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro) registering her first of two assists.

The Ludlow Connection of McGregor and Miller teamed up for another goal in the 51st minute. McGregor has a team-high nine goals this season followed by Miller with eight.

Junior forward Leann Rivard (Chicopee/Comp) tallied her seventh goal of the season in the 55th minute as the Owls took an insurmountable 5-0 lead.

Scoring Westfield's final two goals were scored by freshmen reserves Megan Lussier (Dalton/Wahconah Regional) and Rachel Boulette (Enfield, CT).

Westfield outshot RIC, 44-2, including 29-1 in the first half. The Owls travel to North Adams tomorrow afternoon to take on the 6-7-1 MCLA Trailblazers at 1:00 p.m.

*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Four women's soccer seniors, left to right, Kate Wye, Madison Farrell, Ashley Kulik and Heather Dragon were honored prior to their final regular season home game.

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# WSU SPORTS

*Owl goalie Jess Habif makes a nice save vs. Vassar.* **(Photo submitted)**

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Rivard Sparks Owls in opene

SPRINGFIELD - Junior forward Leann Rivard (Chicopee/Comp) scored two second-half goals, including the game winner with 20 seconds remaining, to lift Westfield State University to a 2-1 women's soccer victory over Vassar College in the opening round of the Springfield College Invitational on Saturday evening, Sept. 3.

After a scoreless first half, the Owls scored just under three minutes into the second stanza. On her second-straight corner kick attempt, sophomore midfielder Lauren Marshall's (West Springfield, Mass.) bid connected with Rivard inside the six yard box for the top scoring opportunity so far in the contest. Rivard got her body on the ball and was able to deflect it into the back of the cage to put Westfield State on top.

The Brewers took advantage of some misfortune by the Owls in the 65th minute to even the game. Sophomore forward
Sheeva Seyfi's (Irvine, Calif.) shot fr
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which would all lead to Rivard's last-s
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Mass.), Rivard collected the loose ball a
let a shot off from eight yards out wh
found the top shelf of the net, clinching
victory.

In goal, junior Ali Higgins (Dallas, Te
made five saves for the Brewers, wh
sophomore Jess Habif (Holliston, Ma
totaled two saves for Westfield State.

For the contest, Westfield State ha
13-6 advantage in shots and a 7-3 edge
corner kicks.

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# Six Owls Selected All-Conference

Six members of the Westfield State University conference championship and NCAA Tournament team were named to the 2011 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) all-conference teams.

The four first-team selections were: junior forward Kayley Miller (Ludlow), junior forward Leann Rivard (Chicopee/Comp HS), junior midfielder Brittanie McGregor, and senior back Heather Dragon (Westhampton/Hampshire Regional HS). Second-team picks were freshman Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro) and freshman Sarah Sypek (Westhampton/Hampshire Regional).

The future is bright for the Owls as five of the honorees are underclassmen. Dragon, the lone senior and a repeat first-team selection, anchored the Owls' defense that allowed only 21 goals in 21 games while posting a 15-4-2 record.

Miller emerged as one of the premier players in New England this season after transferring from Monmouth (N.J.) University following her freshman year. Also a first-team selection last season, she led the MASCAC and tied the school single-season record by scoring 42 points. She tallied 16 goals (second best in school history) and 10 assists (fourth best).

Rivard and McGregor ranked 2-3 in conference scoring with 31 and 29 points, respectively. Rivard scored 31 points and tied the school record for assists in a season with 15. McGregor finished with 29 points, including 12 goals.

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*Senior back Heather Dragon was a first-team all-conference selection for the second straight year.* (File photo by Mickey Curtis)

Chretien and Sypek played well as freshmen. Chretien tallied 20 points (6 goals, 8 assists) from her midfield position and Sypek, who was usually assigned to mark the opponent's top scorer, had seven points (2 goals, 3 assists).

2011-2012

# Women's soccer's historic tourney run comes to an end

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

For a team to advance to the NCAA Tournament is one thing; winning its first round game and coming up short in the second round is another thing.

Westfield State University's women's soccer team advanced to the NCAA tourney after winning the MASCAC tournament and traveled to New Jersey last Saturday, Nov. 12 to play 18th ranked Stevens Institute of Technology in the first round at Stevens' home field.

Though the Lady Owls were out shot by their opponents 30-17 and trailed midway through the second half, it did not matter as a wide-open Kayley Miller scored in the 76th minute for Westfield to tie the game at one apiece.

Following some key defensive stops and saves from goalie Jess Habif, who had 15 saves in the game, the game went into overtime. After 30 minutes of scoreless soccer, the two teams went to penalty kicks.

At this time, Westfield coach Todd Ditmar made a game changing decision and chose not to play Habif in the penalty shootout and instead put in freshman Nicky Stasz.

According to Ditmar, "Nicky is better at penalty kicks than Jess is and Jess agreed." Westfield then calmly made all five of its attempts as Miller, Ashleigh Chretien, Colleen Bazinet, Maggie Kerr and Katelyn Wood all made their shots, while Stevens was only able to make four of their five shots.

Therefore, the Owls were able to come from behind and defeat Stevens to advance to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history where they would face 15th ranked Williams College on Sunday.

However, luck was not on Westfield's side against Williams. The Owls took the early 1-0 lead when senior Kate Wye headed in a corner kick from Miller five minutes into the game.

But Williams made a tactical change after the goal and played more players in the midfield. This move seemed to help Williams control play for the rest of the half and they were also aided by an injury to Miller, who tried to return later in the game but was not the same. The Owls severely missed her crossing abilities.

*photo by David Caspole*

Members of the team celebrate after beating Stevens.

In the 34th minute Williams finally found the net on a controversial penalty kick.

When Brett Eisenhart beat Habif to a cross in the box, Habif attempted to lunge for the ball and was charged with a foul for taking the attacker to the ground.

Habif was awarded a yellow card and it gave Williams a penalty kick. Lilly Wellenbach stepped up to take the shot for Williams and scored to tie the game.

After controlling most of the second half, Williams was once again given a golden opportunity to score thanks to a Westfield tripping foul. Williams scored the game-winning goal in the 70th minute after the ensuing foul.

Caitlyn Clark took the free kick and delivered a cross into the box to Nicole Stenquist, who put the ball into the net to give Williams a 2-1 lead.

The Owls were unable to formulate any offensive pressure in the second half and were fortunate the game wasn't more out of reach mainly thanks to Habif's nine saves.

With the loss Westfield finished the season at 15-4-2. Though the team did lose, the Lady Owls accomplished something that no other Westfield women's soccer team had done by advancing to the second round of the tournament.

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**ROUNDUP**

Sept. 2011

# Westfield State University blanks Worcester State

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University women's volleyball rolled to a 3-0 victory (25-12, 25-7, 25-17) over Worcester State University in a home conference match on Wednesday.

Westfield is now 2-0 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference and 6-10 overall. Worcester, 2-1, sustained its first conference setback and is 7-9 overall.

Senior outside hitter Alex Shaw, who recorded her 1,000th career kill this past weekend, posted a match-high 15 kills vs. Worcester. Kelsey Leonard had 12 kills and three blocks and Kerin DeGirolamo racked up 40 assists and also had two service aces. Julia Warner contributed 11 kills and 13 digs.

Katey Figella and Alyssa Jasper both had five kills for the Lancers and Joanne Grenier compiled eight assists. Recording eight digs each were Vicki O'Brien and Becky Lebel.

## FIELD HOCKEY

**Bridgewater State 2 – Westfield State University 1**

WESTFIELD – Junior midfielder Shelby Farland (Fiskdale/Tantasqua Regional) scored two goals to lead Bridgewater State University to a 2-1 victory over Westfield State University in a key conference field hockey game on Wednesday evening.

Bridgewater boosted its overall record to 6-3 and evened its conference mark to 2-2. Westfield is 6-3 and 1-3.

Westfield opened the scoring with just over eight minutes remaining in the first half on an unassisted goal by freshman Kelly Kenney (Suffield, CT).

Farland tied the score with 1:06 remaining in the first half as she finished a shot by Beth Phillips (Worcester/St. Peter Marian) that was headed across the goal line. Phillips was credited with an assist.

Farland scored the game-winning goal on a penalty stroke 4:19 into the second stanza. Farland snuck the penalty shot inside the left post, barely eluding a kick save by Owl goalie Amanda McCarthy (Franklin).

McCarthy finished with eight saves and Bear netminder Cassie Johansen (Port Jefferson Station, NY) registered four saves, all in the second half.

Westfield outshot Bridgewater, 17-16, and also led in penalty corners, 12-4. The Owls were awarded two penalty corners after time had expired in the second period but they were unable to convert.

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COLLEGE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

# WSU blanks Bridgewater State, 3-0

The Westfield State University women's volleyball team blanked Bridgewater State, 3-0, (25-22, 25-16, 25-13) in a key Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference match on Wednesday evening, before a large Senior Night crowd at the Woodward Center.

The Owls captured at least a share of the MASCAC regular season championship and earned the right to host the conference's postseason tournament on Nov. 5 with the victory over Bridgewater.

Westfield is 5-0 in the MASCAC, 12-19 overall, and plays winless Massachusetts Maritime Academy in its regular season finale this Saturday. Bridgewater drops to 3-3 and 8-20.

Westfield's three seniors – Alex Shaw (East Falmouth), Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro) and Kelley Dickson (West Springfield) – led the Owls to their 17th straight MASCAC regular season victory. Westfield owns a 27-1 MASCAC regular season mark over the past five years.

Shaw produced 11 kills, five service aces and four blocks. DeGirolamo had 35 assists, three aces and four blocks and Dickson had a game-high 14 digs. Also playing well for the Owls was sophomore Julia Warner of Lee (12 kills, eight digs).

Melanie Appleman (Hyannis) registered 14 assists for the Bears and Danielle Dean (Gilford, NH) had 10 digs and three aces. Rebecca Morse (Norton) posted a team-high five kills and Michelle Atkins (Chelsea) contributed three blocks.

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# Vestfield draws Springfield n NCAAs

## )lleyball match heduled for Friday at 00 p.m in Springfield

PRINGFIELD, Mass. – Springfield
ege was named one of eight regional sites
he NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball
mpionship on Monday morning as 64-team
l was announced. The Pride, which earned
ıutomatic bid to the national tournament
winning the New England Women's and
ı's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC)
mpionship on Sunday, will take on
tfield State University on Friday, Nov. 11,
00 p.m.

ıe Pride will serve as the top seed in the
ɔn and will play Westfield State (15-20).
ldition, Bowdoin (26-2) and Baruch (24-
vill square off , UMass Boston (26-4) will
NYU-Polytechnic (23-14), and Tufts (25-
/ill take on Roger Williams (28-3) on
ıy at Springfield.

e regional winner advances to the nation-
ıarterfinals at the Washington University
l House in St. Louis Nov. 18-20.

her first season at the helm of the Pride,
coach Moira Long has orchestrated one
e finest seasons in program history. With
-2 record, Springfield is headed to the
A Championship for the third time in
seasons and the eighth time overall.

:stfield State is participating in the NCAA
ion III national tournament for the third
ecutive year after defending its
achusetts State Collegiate Athletic
erence (MASCAC) championship.

The Owls' journey to their tournament site is a short one as they cross the Connecticut River to Springfield College. The Western Massachusetts rivals played twice during the regular season. Springfield outlasted Westfield in the season opener 25-22, 25-12, 25-23, and the Pride posted a straight set victory (25-14, 25-15, 25-17) in mid-season.

Westfield (15-20) is led by senior outside hitter Alex Shaw (East Falmouth, Mass.) and senior setter Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro, Mass.). Shaw, the 2010 MASCAC player of the year, leads the Owls' balanced offensive attack with 280 kills and a .339 attack percentage. Earlier this season she became only the second player in Westfield history to record 1,000 career kills.

DeGirolamo directs the Owl offense and was selected the MVP of the MASCAC post-season tournament. She leads Westfield with 966 assists (8.33 average) and 69 service aces. DeGirolamo has a school record 3,567 assists in her outstanding four-year career.

Sophomore outside hitter Julia Warner (Lee, Mass.) leads the Owls with 355 digs and ranks second with 269 kills. Sophomore transfer Lindsay Rescott (Northport, N.Y.) has 264 kills and 277 digs and junior middle blocker Kelsey Leonard (Billerica, Mass.) has a team-high 115 blocks (1.03 average) and 187 kills.

Sophomore libero Kayleigh Shea (Chelmsford, Mass.) ranks second with 288 digs (2.82 average). Senior defensive special-istKelley Dickson (2.77 digs average) and freshman outside hitter Alyssa Danilow (126 kills) are other key contributors; both are from nearby West Springfield, Mass.

2011-2012

# Shaw breaks record as WSU volleyball begins conference play

*WSU Athletic Department*

The Framingham State University volleyball team suffered its first conference loss of the season as they were defeated 3-0 in straight sets by Westfield State on Saturday morning, September 24.

The Owls recorded their first Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) victory of the season winning by scores of 25-17, 25-14 and 25-13.

The Rams fall to 8-6 overall on the year with the loss and are now 1-1 in the MASCAC, while the Owls are 5-10 overall and 1-0 in conference.

Westfield journeyed to Worcester later Saturday and lost to WPI, 3-1 (25-17, 18-25, 25-20, 25-18) as the Engineers upped their record to 9-3.

The big story in the setback at WPI was senior outside hitter Alex Shaw (East Falmouth, Mass.) becoming the second player in Westfield State history to record her 1,000th career kill. She now has 1,005 career kills.

Shaw finished with nine kills and three blocks at WPI and Lindsay Rescott had 10 kills. Kerin DeGirolamo racked up 36 assists and three blocks.

Sophomore outside hitter Julia Warner (Lee, Mass.) led the Owls at Framingham with a match-high 10 kills, 15 digs and four aces, while Shaw chipped in nine kills.

Senior setter Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro, Mass.) compiled 33 assists in the match to go along with a team and match-high five aces.

*photo by westfieldstateowls.com*

The Rams were led by freshman middle hitter Ashley Nee (Hanson, Mass.) who picked up a team-high nine kills, while sophomore Andressa Fernandes (Framingham, Mass.) added five kills and 11 digs.

Freshman setter Morgan Drew (North Easton, Mass.) chipped in 17 assists and four digs.

The Owls play their next home game on October 11 against Salem State at 7:00 p.m.

2011-2012

# Springfield Women's Volleyball Defeats Westfield State

SPRINGFIELD – First-year head coach Moira Long wasted little time earning her first career victory at the helm of the Springfield College women's volleyball team as the Pride dispatched local-foe Westfield State, 3-0, on Friday evening in the Springfield College Invitational.

Game scores were 25-22, 25-12, 25-23 in favor of the Pride.

Up next, Long will take on her old team, the Panthers of Plymouth State, in what is sure to be an emotional match. Earlier tonight, Plymouth State defeated the University of New England, 3 sets to 0. Scores were 25-17, 25-19, 25-15.

Springfield was led in this match by a trio of players, including senior middle blocker Lauren Torvi (North Smithfield, R.I.), senior opposite Kim Giaquinto (Massapequa, N.Y.), and sophomore outside hitter Tessa Smolinski (Hebron, Conn.). Torvi, led all players with 15 kills. She also had one block, and hit .333. Smolinski followed with 11 kills, a team-high 11 digs, and a team-high .526 percentage. She finished with just one error in 19 swings. And Giaquinto followed that with 10 kills and just three errors in 22 attempts for a .318 hitting percentage. She also had two service aces and four digs to go along with one block.

Freshman setter Molly Giannattasio (East Lyme, Conn.) also made her debut, her collegiate debut, finishing with 34 assists. She also led her team with six service aces. Senior libero Itza Nieves (Vega Baja, Puerto Rico) recorded 10 digs.

For the Owls, who were very much in this match in sets #1 and #3, sophomore outside hitter Julia Warner (Lee, Mass.) led her squad with seven kills and nine digs. Senior Alex Shaw (East Falmouth, Mass.) had five kills. Sophomore outside hitter Lindsay Rescott (Northport, N.Y.) followed with three kills and eight digs.

Sophomore libero Kayleigh Shea (Chelmsford, Mass:) and senior setter Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro, Mass.) recorded seven digs apiece.

In set #1, Springfield jumped out to an 11-4 lead, forcing a Westfield State timeout. But the Owls refused to be intimidated and came all the way back to take an 18-16 advantage. It was still 21-19 Owls, when SC made a swift comeback of its own. SC finished the set with a 6-1 run for the 25-22 score.

Westfield jumped out to take a 6-3 lead in set #2. But the Pride scored the next five points. SC led 11-8, and then outscored WSU 14-4 the rest of the way to capture that set, 25-12.

In set #3, it proved to be even closer than the first set. SC took an 8-4 lead, but WSU tied it at 8-all, 9-all, 10-all, and 11-all. The set was tied six more times, including at 22-all. SC then closed it with a 3-1 run to win set #3, 25-23. Freshman outside hitter Amy Entel (Berkley, Mass.) had the honor of producing the winning kill and presenting Long with her first victory at Springfield College.

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# Lady Owls post first MASCAC win

FRAMINGHAM – The Framingham State University volleyball team suffered their first conference loss of the season as they were defeated 3-0 in straight sets by Westfield State Saturday. The Owls recorded their first Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) victory of the season winning by scores of 25-17, 25-14 and 25-13.

The Rams fall to 8-6 overall on the year with the loss and are now 1-1 in the MASCAC, while the Owls are 5-9 overall and 1-0 in conference.

Sophomore outside hitter Julia Warner (Lee, Mass.) led the Owls with a match-high 10 kills, 15 digs and four aces, while senior Alex Shaw (East Falmouth, Mass.) chipped in nine kills and is now four kills shy of 1,000 in her career. Senior setter Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro, Mass.) compiled 33 assists in the match to go along with a team and match-high five aces.

The Rams were led by freshman middle hitter Ashley Nee (Hanson, Mass.) who picked up a team-high nine kills, while sophomore Andressa Fernandes (Framingham, Mass.) added five kills and 11 digs. Freshman setter Morgan Drew (North Easton, Mass.) chipped in 17 assists and four digs.

Both teams return to conference action on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. with the Rams to hosting MCLA and the Owls entertaining Worcester State.

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# Westfield volleyball falls to Springfield in NCAA championships

*WSU Athletic Department*

Springfield College defeated Westfield State University, 3-0 (25-18, 25-13, 25-16) in an opening round match of the NCAA Divison III national volleyball championships in front of a large crowd of 500 at Blake Arena on Friday evening, Nov. 11.

Springfield, ranked 20th nationally, is now 32-2, while Westfield State ends its season at 15-21. Springfield's win filled out the second semifinal with the expected winners all advancing.

As has been the case all year, Lauren Torvi led the Pride in the match. Named the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Player of the Year just a few days ago, Torvi finished with a match-high 14 kills and a .500 hitting percentage.

But every bit as impressive tonight was fellow senior Kim Giaquinto with her 10 kills, and just one error for a .529 hitting percentage. Gianquinto supplemented that with three service aces and 11 digs, both team highs in those categories.

Tessa Smolinski finished with seven kills and nine digs. Molly Giannattasio ended with 20 set assists. Itza Nieves finished with 10 digs.

For the Owls, Julia Warner finished with six kills, Alex Shaw with five kills. Kerin DeGirolamo had 15 set assists. Warner led her squad with 12 digs, followed by DeGirolamo with nine. Springfield was never in any serious trouble in this match.

It was announced on Monday, Nov. 14 that Westfield State University had three players selected to the 2011 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) all-conference women's volleyball team.

First-team selections were senior outside hitter Alex Shaw (East Falmouth) and senior setter Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro). Sophomore outside hitter Julia Warner (Lee) was a second-team selection.

Shaw earned all-conference first-team honors for the fourth consecutive season. She ranked second in the MASCAC in kills per game (2.82) and third in attack percentage (.333). Shaw completed her stellar collegiate career with a school record 1,161 kills.

DeGirolamo, a three-time first-team pick, ranked first in the conference in set assists (8.24 per game) and second in service aces (0.59 per game). She shattered the school record for career assists with 3,582.

Warner was another key contributor on the Westfield State team that claimed its third straight MASCAC crown and participated in its third consecutive NCAA Tournament. Warner ranked third in the conference in kills per game (2.39) and sixth in digs per game (3.19).

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# 2011 Westfield State University Field Hockey Roster

| NO | NAME | YEAR | POS | HT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kelly Kenney | FR | F | 4-11 | Suffield, CT |
| 2 | Courtney Araujo * | SO | B/M | 5-1 | Somerset |
| 3 | Lauren Tavares * | JR | M | 5-3 | Tiverton, RI |
| 4 | Sarah Pliszka * | SO | F | 5-7 | Enfield, CT |
| 5 | Ali Feldman * | JR | F | 5-3 | Manchester, CT (Enrico Fermi) |
| 6 | Erin Nehmer | FR | F | 5-6 | Wilbraham (Minnechaug Regional) |
| 8 | Ashley Spindel | FR | B | 5-5 | Mendon (Nipmuc Regional) |
| 10 | Melissa Bak, | FR | M/F | 5-4 | South Hadley |
| 11 | Becca Davis | FR | M | 5-2 | Rochester (Old Rochester) |
| 12 | Kathryn Kenney *** | SR | F | 5-5 | Suffield, CT |
| 13 | Jessi Gould *** | SR | F | 5-3 | Canton |
| 14 | Jessica Donovan *** | SR | F | 5-7 | Methuen |
| 15 | Lauren Drew * | SO | B | 5-4 | Whitinsville (Northbridge) |
| 16 | Jackie Strycharz * | SO | B | 5-5 | Hatfield (Smith Academy) |
| 17 | Courtney Young | SO | B | 5-5 | Berkley (Somerset) |
| 18 | Danielle Grenon * | SO | M | 5-6 | Somerset |
| 19 | Kerri Kinsella * | SO | B | 5-2 | Seekonk |
| 21 | Kelsey Carpenter | FR | B | 5-8 | Barre (Quabbin Regional) |
| 23 | Liz Hall ** | JR | F | 5-6 | Southwick |
| 24 | Nicole Gagnon *** | SR | B | 5-8 | Andover |
| 31 | Khrystyna Mitchell ** | JR | G | 5-6 | Shelburne Falls (Mohawk Trail Reg.) |
| 32 | Amanda McCarthy *** | SR | G | 5-2 | Franklin |

*** Years Played at Westfield State before 2011 season**

**Head Coach: Heather Cabral, 13th year**
**Assistant Coaches: Holly Stevens, 4th year; Cat Hanks 4th year**
**Manager: Jess Rodier**
**Captain: Nicole Gagnon**

2011-2012

# Field hockey wins third straight game

9/23/11

**Rob Donoghue**
Sports Editor

Westfield's field hockey team improved to 5-1 on the young season with a 3-1 win over Smith College on Tuesday, September 20.

The Owls dominated Smith in terms of shot attempts by a margin of 40-3 but were only able to find the back of the net on three occasions. Westfield senior Jessi Gould scored 13 minutes into the game to give the Owls a 1-0 halftime lead.

Junior Liz Hall gave the Owls a big boost after halftime and scored two goals less than four minutes apart to extend Westfield's lead to 3-0 and solidify the victory.

"Fresh legs off the bench [in the second half] certainly helped," said Owls head coach Heather Cabral. "Liz has been a spark plug for us in that role all season."

The victory was Westfield's third straight in a period of six days following a 1-0 Little East Conference win over Eastern Connecticut and a 3-1 win over Regis College. "I love this team's attitude," Cabral said. "They come to practice ready to learn and they are doing an excellent job of implementing skills learned in practice in game situations."

The Owls hit the road tomorrow to face Plymouth State (6-0) at 12:00 p.m. as conference action heats up.

Looking ahead at a tough schedule Cabral said, "We need to be more consistent. We have flashes of brilliance but have not yet played two full halves of hockey. We also need to 'finish' offensively. In the last two games we had over 60 shots on goal and only scored four times."

Cabral believes she has a talented team with the ability to do something special. "I am trying to take one day at a time, however, it is no big secret that I want a conference championship. We have a lot of work to do, but I believe in this team."

2011 - 2012

# Pliszka lifts WSU in thriller

WESTFIELD - Sophomore forward Sarah Pliszka scored the game-winning goal late in the first half to lift Westfield State University to a 1-0 conference field hockey victory over Eastern Connecticut State University on Saturday.

Westfield boosted its record to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference. Eastern Connecticut is 1-5 and 0-2.

Westfield dominated the statistics, out shooting Eastern Connecticut, 22-1. In addition, the Owls controlled the penalty corners, 15-1. Eastern Connecticut goalie Daniell Reichardt played a fine game with five big saves, including a high glove save in the second half.

Pliszka redirected a shot by senior forward Jessi Gould about five yards in front of the goal for the game-winner with 4:01 remaining in the first stanza.

*Freshman Melissa Bak directs classmate Kelly Kenney to take the ball downfield during the Eastern Connecticut game. Watching the action are Nicole Gagnon, left, and Kelsey Carpenter.*

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*Sarah Pliszka, far left, watches the ball slowly rolls into the goal after she redirected a shot by Jessi Gould.*

# Westfield State University Downs Field Hockey, 5-0

CHICOPEE, Mass. – Elms College junior goalkeeper Alexandra Bonavita (Agawam, Mass.) registered 15 saves but Westfield State University had five different players score a goal and Kathryn Kenney (Suffield, Conn.) notched a pair of assists to help pace the Owls to a 5-0 win over the Blazers in Thursday evening's non-conference field hockey game at Leary Field.

With the loss, Elms slips to 1-4 on the season, while Westfield State improves to 6-1 overall.

Kathryn Kenney helped Westfield State's offense get into rhythm when her pass found Jessica Donovan (Methuen, Mass.) who scored the game's first goal at the 20:17 mark.

Two minutes later, Kelly Kenney (Suffield, Conn.) scored an unassisted goal to put the Owls ahead, 2-0.

Holding a 2-0 advantage after halftime, Westfield State extended its lead with two quick goals, the first by Lauren Tavares (Tiverton, R.I.) and the second by Jessi Gould (Canton, Mass.) following a nice feed from Kathryn Kenney to give the Owls a comfortable 4-0 advantage.

Danielle Grenon (Somerset, Mass.) punched in the final goal of the evening on a pass from Tavares in the 66th minute of play to seal the 5-0 victory.

Bonavita notched 10 of her 15 saves in the first 35 minutes in the losing effort while her counterpart Amanda McCarthy (Franklin, Mass.) totaled five saves en route to her sixth victory of the season.

Westfield State's Sarah Pliszka (Enfield, Conn.) finished with seven shots on goal, while Gould had four.

Blazers' sophomore midfielder Kayla Narey (South Hadley, Mass.) added two shots on goal for Elms.

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# Westfield State University stuns Fitchburg, 2-1

FITCHBURG – Senior Megan Jacobs (Stoughton, Mass./Stoughton) registered her team-leading 16th goal of the season but the Fitchburg State field hockey team fell to Little East Conference rival, Westfield State University, 2-1 Tuesday evening at Elliot Field.

After a scoreless first half, Westfield State opened the scoring in the second frame, posting a 1-0 lead in the 45th minute off the stick of Jessica Donovan (Methuen, Mass./Methuen). Donovan hit home for her second goal of the season, using a dish from Jessi Gould (Canton, Mass./Canton), but Fitchburg State answered immediately, using Jacobs' team-best 16th goal of the season for the equalizer.

Scoring was at a premium in the second half as the Owls responded to the Falcons call just four minutes later, taking advantage of one of their 11 penalty corners of the night. Sophomore Danielle Grenon (Somerset, Mass./Somerset) picked up a loose ball after scrum in front of the net, and slipped the ball past the Falcon keeper for her second goal of the year.

Grenon's goal capped the game's scoring as Fitchburg State could not break through the tenacious Westfield back-line. The Owls commanded the tempo of the game, totaling a 20-12 margin in shots, including a 10-3 advantage in the first half. Senior Taylor Begin (Haverhill, Mass./Haverhill) registered a career-high nine saves for the Falcons, while Owls goaltender, senior Amanda McCarthy (Franklin, Mass./Franklin) totaled four stops for the visitors.

Fitchburg State (6-5, 3-3 LEC) will be back in action on Saturday as it travels to Plymouth State at 12 p.m. Westfield State (8-3, 3-3 LEC) will visit Framingham State on Friday at 4 p.m.

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# Westfield State falls in double OT

*Jessica Donovan receives a hug from Danielle Grenon (18) during Senior Day ceremonies. Donovan scored Westfield's goal in its final regular season home game.*

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior forward Lauren Atkinson (Southbury, CT) scored with 5:36 remaining in the second overtime as Western Connecticut State University rallied for a 2-1 field hockey victory over Westfield State University on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Western Connecticut (10-6 overall, 5-5 in the Little East Conference) forced the overtime when junior midfielder Nicole Andreasen (New Fairfield, CT) scored off a quick restart near the shooting circle with 1:04 remaining in regulation. At that point it was the Colonials' first shot on goal.

Both teams had several solid scoring opportunities in the overtime stanzas but WestConn goalie Alyssa Picariello (Montrose, NY) was stellar between the pipes. Westfield outshot WestConn, 15-8, and Picariello recorded 12 saves.

Westfield (10-5; 5-5) had taken a 1-0 lead early in the second half on a goal following a penalty corner by senior Jessica Donovan (Methuen, MA).

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# Unbeaten Panthers improve to 7-0

PLYMOUTH, N.H. – Plymouth State University out-shot Westfield State University 22-1 Saturday afternoon and registered a 3-0 victory over the Owls in Little East Conference field hockey action at Arold Field.

PSU scored all three goals in the first half, and kept the pressure on the Owls goal the entire afternoon. The Panthers remain undefeated this season at 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the LEC, while Westfield State drops to 6-2 and 1-2.

PSU got goals from sophomore Jackie Morin (Scarborough, Maine), junior Olivia Colborn (Lancaster, N.H.) and senior Erin Norris (Hilton, N.Y.), with senior Lauren Bergeron (New Hampton, N.H.) picking up an assist. Colborn leads the team with six goals and one assist, and Moris ranks second with five goals and three assists.

Senior Amanda McCarthy (Franklin, Mass.) had a busy afternoon in the Owls' net, making 10 saves. The score could have been more lopsided were it not for Owl defensive saves by sophomore Kerri Kinsella (Seekonk, Mass.) and freshmen Kelsey Carpenter (Barre, Mass.) and Kelly Kenney (Suffield, Conn.)

PSU looks to extend its unbeaten streak Wednesday with a key LEC game at rival Keene State College (6:00 p.m.). Westfield State returns home to host Bridgewater State University in an LEC match-up on Wednesday (7:00 p.m.).

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has announced.

On **Sunday, October 9, 2011,** a special Boston Bruins Day will be held at Stanley Park 400 Western Avenue, Westfield. Blades, the Bruin's Mascot and two of the Boston Bruin's Ice Girls will visit the park from 1-2pm where they will sign autographs and pose for photos. In addition, fans will have a chance to win one of five raffle prizes consisting of autographed pucks, photos, and a team autographed stick.

Special guest Lyndon "LB" Byers, former Boston Bruin will be in attendance. This was made possible through the generosity of Bertelli's Skate Shop owner Jay Passerini in West Springfield and The Westfield News owner Patrick Berry.

Western MA will be able to officially celebrate the Stanley Cup Championship win and the friendly wager won by Stanley Park of Westfield with our sister Stanley Park in Vancouver, BC, CA.

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# Southwick's Hall leads WSU field hockey

WESTFIELD – Junior forward Liz Hall (Southwick, Mass.) scored two second-half goals to lift Westfield State University to a 3-1 non-conference field hockey victory over Smith College late Tuesday evening.

Westfield boosted its record to 5-1 while Smith dropped to 1-5.

The Owls held a 1-0 halftime lead after senior Jessi Gould (Canton, Mass.) scored in the 13thminute with an assist from freshman Ashley Spindel (Mendon, Mass.).

Hall scored two goals in a span of three and a half minutes early the second half to stake the Owls to a 3-0 lead. She ripped a reverse stick shot from the left side with an assist from sophomore Sarah Pliszka (Enfield, Conn.) 1:25 into the second half.

With just over 30 minutes remaining in the game, Hall split two defenders on the left side and blasted a wide-open shot from 15 yards for an unassisted goal.

Smith struck quickly as Alexa DeJesus (Somerset, Mass.) scored on a breakaway 1:02 following Hall's second goal.

Westfield dominated the shot attempts (40-3) and corners (12-4). Smith goalie Savannah Lawson (Oak Bluffs, Mass.) registered 23 saves. - Courtesy of Westfield State University Sports Information Department

***Junior Liz Hall of Southwick scored two goals vs. Smith.***
**(Photo by Mickey Curtis)**

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*Westfield State student-athlete advisory board members in the first row, left to right, are: Liz Abate, Kaitlyn Barth, Julia Warner, Jenny Bell, Briana Kelly, Carolyn Connolly, Carly Keeley. Second row: Ronica Proulx, Justin Roethlingshoefer, Ian Wilson, Matt Devine, Josh Blair, Andrew Medeiros, Madison Farrell.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

# Owls Give Gifts To Westfield Youth

The Westfield State University athletics department delivered more than 50 gifts on Dec. 20 to the Abner Gibbs and Franklin Avenue Elementary Schools in Westfield.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Westfield State Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) raised nearly $500 to buy gifts for children of families in need. This year the student-athlete organization is serving as a "Secret Santa" to 17 children selected by the elementary schools. The student-athletes work with Barbara Trant of the Volunteers in Westfield Public Schools program.

"The schools see many families struggling in these challenging times. We are grateful for the kindness and support the Westfield State Student-Athlete Advisory Board is able to give to them," said Trant.

SAAB consists of two student-athletes from each of Westfield State's 21 varsity teams. The board focuses on community service, student leadership, and assisting the Westfield State administration with programming for its 450 student-athletes.

"The student-athletes did a great job this year of the collecting the money and purchasing the gifts," said Nancy Bals, Westfield State associate athletics director. "Also, we are also grateful to our assistant baseball coach, Fred Perry, for donating the wrapping paper. It is a team effort contributing to a very important cause – the children of Westfield! We are happy to help in a time of need for these families."

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# Westfield State Stuns Bridgewater State, 5-1

## *Owls Advance To Field Hockey Semis With Resounding Road Victory*

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – The fifth seeded Westfield State University field hockey team coasted to a 5-1 victory over number four seed and host Bridgewater State University in quarterfinal round action of the 2011 Little East Conference Tournament.

Westfield (12-6) advances to the semifinal round and will take on top-seeded Keene State College on Friday. Keene blanked number eight seed Southern Maine, 7-0, earlier this afternoon. Bridgewater (12-6) will now await word on a potential ECAC Division III New England Tournament bid.Although the Bears edged the Owls earlier this season, 2-1, in Westfield, it was the Owls who controlled play throughout this contest. Westfield held an 18-8 edge in shots and dominated play in the goal mouths.Sophomore midfielder Danielle Grenon (Somerset, Mass.) scored twice for the Owls, who also received goals from freshman defender Ashley Spindel (Mendon, Mass.), senior forward Jessi Gould (Canton, Mass.) and junior forward Liz Hall (Southwick, Mass.). Four of the five Westfield tallies were off rebounds as Bridgewater struggled to clear the ball out from in front of their own net.

Gould staked WSU to a 1-0 lead in the 18th minute with her team-leading 11th goal of the season off an assist from senior forward Jessica Donovan (Methuen, Mass.). Bridgewater State junior forward Shelby Farland (Fiskdale, Mass.) knotted the game at 1-1 just under ten minutes later as she dove and knocked home a loose ball over the goal line. For Farland, the goal marked her team-best 15th of the season.

Westfield however got a huge marker with just 2 ½ minutes left in the opening stanza as Spindel knocked home a rebound to give Westfield a lead they would not relinquish.

Hall made it a 3-1 game in the 49th minute and Grenon notched the final two goals to round out the scoring.

Westfield senior keeper Amanda McCarthy (Franklin, Mass.) turned aside three shots to post her 12th win of the season. BSU junior netminder Cassie Johansen (Port Jefferson Station, N.Y.) made ten saves between the pipes for the Bears.

**OWL HOOTS:** Westfield's 12 victories ties a school record for most wins in a season…The Owls also posted 12 victories in 1996 and 2008…During the regular season Bridgewater rallied for a 2-1 victory at Westfield, scoring the winning goal on a penalty shot…Westfield was edged by Keene State, 1-0, during the regular season in a fast paced matchup.

*Jessi Gould gave Westfield an early 1-0 lead with her team-high 11th goal of the season.* (File photo by Mickey Curtis)

game this Friday. After that the ticket price jumps to regular $18 rate.The ticket is also good for the Springfield Falcons game later that evening vs. Adirondack at 7:30 p.m.

Westfield State has captured the first three Falcon Cup games by scores of 5-2, 5-4, and 5-4.

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The Owls' home opener at Amelia Park Arena in Westfie is Thursday, Nov. 17, when they host conference riv Worcester State at 7:35 p.m. Westfield is picked fifth in tl MASCAC preseason poll.

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# WSU field hockey escapes with 1-0 win

WESTFIELD – Junior forward Ali Feldman (Manchester, CT/Enrico Fermi HS) scored the game-winning goal and senior goalie Andrea McCarthy (Franklin) was stellar with 13 saves to lead Westfield State University to a 1-0 conference field hockey victory over Worcester State University on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The Owls boosted their overall record to 10-3 with their fourth straight victory and are 5-3 in conference play. Worcester is 7-7 and 3-5.

Feldman scored the game winner – her first goal this season – 8:31 into the game on scramble in front of the net.

Westfield and Worcester both recorded eight first-half shots, but the Lancers picked up the pace in the second stanza, outshooting the Owls, 14-8.

McCarthy responded well to the shot barrage as she registered nine of her saves in the second half, including a stop on a breakaway at the midpoint of the second half and a glove save in the closing seconds. The senior backstop has recorded three shutouts and allowed only one goal during the four-game winning streak.

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# Keene State edges Westfield State, 1-0

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior forward Elizabeth Coffin (Sugar Hill, NH) scored in the 15th minute as Keene State College edged Westfield State University, 1-0, in a fast-paced Little East Conference field hockey game on Thursday evening.

Keene State remains in first place in the 12-team Little East Conference with a 9-0 record; it is 13-4 overall. Westfield (10-4, 5-4) saw its four-game winning streak snapped.

Coffin scored after receiving a crossing pass from senior forward Aislynn Sherry (Rehoboth, Mass.).

There were only eight shot attempts in the game, seven in the first half, as both teams countered well defensively. Westfield attempted two shots, including a shot by Jessi Gould that was just wide of the left post midway through the first half.

Keene also led in penalty corners, 8-2. Westfield goalie Amanda McCarthy registered three saves.

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# Westfield State University field hockey falls in LEC opener

NORTH DARTMOUTH, MA-The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth's field hockey team defeated visiting Westfield State, 4-1, in the 2011 Little East Conference opener for both teams at Cressy Field Saturday.

Westfield State struck first with 22:59 remaining in the first half. Owls sophomore forward Sarah Pliszka (Enfield, CT/Enfield HS) stuffed a shot passed Corsairs sophomore goalkeeper Kelsey Gallo (East Greenwich, RI/East Greenwich HS), off a pass from junior midfielder Lauren Tavares (Tiverton, RI/Tiverton HS), giving the Owls an early 1-0 advantage.

The Corsairs pulled even at the 17:47 mark of the first half. On a penalty corner attempt, junior forward Eleanor Taylor (Fairhaven, MA/Bishop Stang HS) found junior defender Taryn Cardiel at the point, and Cardiel whistled a shot past Owls senior goalie Amanda McCarthy (Franklin, MA/Franklin HS), making it a 1-1 game. UMD took a 2-1 lead with 1:03 left in the first half when sophomore Kayla Ribsam (Lambertville, NJ/South Hunterdon Regional HS) netted an unassisted goal.

Corsairs junior forward Erica Allan (Amherst, MA/Amherst HS) helped power the Corsairs to victory with two goals in the second half. With 30:16 remaining in the second half, Ribsam found Allan on a 2-on-1 advantage, giving UMD a 3-1 lead. After a failed corner attempt by UMD, Allan gathered the loose ball in front of the net and snuck a shot past McCarthy, securing the 4-1 win for UMass Dartmouth.

"I'm confident with our lineup and I knew it would come together," said UMass Dartmouth Head Coach Nicole Castonguay. "We made a couple of adjustments that I'm glad we were able to make for our first Little East Conference game. We did a good job of defending their strongest players. Our front line of Eleanor [Taylor], Kayla [Ribsam], and Erica [Allan] really worked hard and made some tweaks that reflected on the scoreboard. Taryn [Cardiel] was phenomenal with her straight shots. If we keep improving one game at a time, we'll be where we need to be, when we need to be there."

UMass Dartmouth out shot Westfield State, 21-10. Gallo made six saves for UMD, while McCarthy stopped five shots and junior Khrystyna Mitchell (Shelbourne Falls, MA/Mohawk Trail Regional HS) made 1 save for Westfield.

The Corsairs improved to 1-2 and 1-0 in the Little East Conference with the victory, while the Owls dropped to 2-1 and 0-1 in LEC play with the defeat. UMass Dartmouth will return to action when they host Endicott Wednesday evening. Westfield State will host Regis Thursday.

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# Cabral resigns as field hockey coach

## *Westfield State Hall Of Famer Ends 13-Year Run As Head Coach*

*Heather Cabral instructs her players during halftime.* (File photo by Mickey Curtis)

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University announces the resignation of field hockey head coach Heather Cabral effectively immediately.

Cabral was the head coach at Westfield State for the past 13 seasons, compiling a record of 116 victories and 112 losses. This past fall the Owls tied a school record for most victories in a season while posting a 12-7 record.

She led Westfield to five Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season championships and was named conference coach of the-year in 1999, 2000, and 2004.

Cabral served as Westfield State's assistant field hockey coach in 1997 and 1998.

"Field hockey has been a part of my life for 30 years. Resigning was definitely the hardest decision I have made in my lifetime," said Cabral, who is employed full-time as a teacher at the Chester Elementary School. "I will miss working with the athletics staff, my colleagues, and especially the Westfield players. I would like to thank the entire Westfield State community for the opportunity to coach at such a quality institution."

"We are going to miss Heather; she has done a fine job at Westfield State University and I would like to thank her for her effort, dedication and commitment to the student-athletes and field hockey," said Westfield State athletics director Richard Lenfest. "Certainly in my time here at Westfield her name has been synonymous with field hockey."

Cabral graduated from Westfield State in 1992, and was a four-year starter in both field hockey and softball. In field hockey, she was a three-time all conference performer and Player of the Year in 1991 when she led the Owls to the league title.

Cabral holds numerous field hockey and softball records at Westfield State. She ranks third on the Owls' all-time leading scorer list in field hockey with 43 goals and 99 points.

Following her senior year, Cabral was the recipient of the prestigious MASCAC Female Scholar-Athlete Award. She was inducted into the Westfield State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005.

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## MCLA's McGovern honored with Westfield State Hall of Fame inductio

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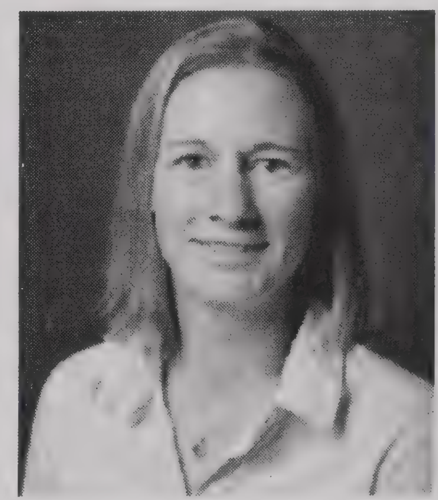

Westfield, MA- MCLA Head Women's Basketball Coach, Holly McGovern, will be enshrined into the Westfield State College athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremony will be held on alumni weekend on October 22nd. McGovern ('99) is considered one of the Westfield State's finest two-sport athletes. McGovern was a four-year standout in both basketball and soccer for the Owls, earning numerous postseason accolades and rewriting the record books.

McGovern's leadership skills have carried over into the coaching profession. She has been the head coach at MCLA for the past five seasons, guiding the Trailblazers to its first MASCAC tournament championship, its first NCAA Tournament berth, and the most victories and best record (18-10) in school history.

"I would like to thank the Hall of Fame committee for my selection, and those who were involved in the nomination process. It is truly an honor to be inducted as a member of the Westfield State Hall of Fame. I had the priviledge of being coached by some of the best coaches in New England, as well as playing alongside very talented teammates," McGovern commented on her selection.

On the hardcourt, she earned both regional and national acclaim. McGovern was a Division III News All-America fifth
honorable mention pick in 1998. She was selected to the All-Northeast Region second team in 1999 and was All-New
a three-time all-conference first-team pick and the conference rookie of the year and an all-conference second team

In soccer she was a four-time all-conference first-team selection and the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletics Cor
1996 and 1997. She participated in the New England All-Star game following her senior season.

The Westfield women's basketball team posted an aggregate record of 80-30 during her four-year career as starting
championships and participated in one NCAA Tournament and two ECAC Tournaments.

McGovern started in 104 of 108 games played and scored 1,098 career points. She holds school career records for as
shooting percentage (.773), and single season records for assists (198) and free throw shooting percentage (.871) w
freshman year.

McGovern ranks third on the Westfield women's soccer all-time scoring charts with 105 points despite missing 10 gan
with 39 points scored in a season and third on the all-time list in both goals scored (38) and assists (29)..

During her sophomore season she led the Owl booters to their first MASCAC regular season championship and a 15-4

McGovern also excelled on high school level as she was a 1,000-point scorer in basketball and the conference player
senior year at Saugerties (N.Y.) High School.

McGovern - a sociology major at Westfield - was as an assistant basketball coach at her alma mater for three season
tournament berth in 2003. She was also an assistant women's soccer coach for the Owls.

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# DelNegro Named to Westfield State Hall of Fame

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**Don DelNegro**

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. — City native Don DelNegro will be inducted into the Westfield State University Athletics Hall of Fame this October. The 1984 Westfield graduate has garnered national and international acclaim as an athletic trainer.

The most memorable moment of his 25-year professional career came this past June, when he hoisted the Stanley Cup as the head athletic trainer of the National Hockey League champion Boston Bruins.

DelNegro, now in his 19th season as the Bruins head athletic trainer, was a student trainer all four years he attended Westfield State. He performed 1,800 hours of volunteer service, working primarily with the Owl football, basketball, baseball and ice hockey teams under the guidance of legendary Westfield State athletic trainer Rich Pierce, who was inducted into the Westfield Hall of Fame following his retirement in 2006.

A graduate of Drury High School, his dream of working in professional sports, especially for the Boston hockey team he grew up rooting for, was fulfilled when he was hired by the Bruins in 1993 after a five-year stint as the director of sports medicine at Williams College. He earned a master's degree in sports medicine from Indiana State in 1986 and was the assistant athletic trainer at the U.S. Olympic training center in Lake Placid, N.Y., from 1986-1988.

DelNegro accomplished other career goals by being selected the athletic trainer for the U.S. Bobsled and Luge teams at the 1992 Olympic Games in Albertville, France, and for Team USA at the 2000, 2005 and 2007 World Hockey championships. He crossed paths with another Westfield State graduate when he was head athletic trainer for the U.S. men's hockey team at

the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Turin, Italy. At the time, Peter Laviolette (class of 1986 and a Westfield State Hall of Fame inductee in 2002) was the head coach of the 2006 Olympic ice hockey squad. DelNegro was also the U.S. wrestling team trainer at the 1991 Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba.

**Read about DelNegro's day with Stanley Cup here.**

As accommodating as the NHL players he treats, DelNegro always welcomes opportunities to share his experiences and expertise with aspiring athletic trainers. DelNegro has met with Westfield State student athletic trainers prior to games in Boston and he has returned to Westfield State several times to make presentations at career workshops.

DelNegro and his wife, Claire, have a daughter, Renee, 13, and reside in Lynnfield. His wife was a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic Luge team and has been vice president of the International Luge Federation since 1998. They enjoy spending time at their summer home in Lake Placid, where they shared the Stanley Cup with family and friends for a day on July 12.

The Hall of Fame Class of 2011 also includes Amanda (Braden) Theriault ('98, basketball), Tilia Fantasia (1966-1998, administrator/coach/faculty), David Lima ('86, soccer), Kathy Norton ('87, cross country/track and field), and Jeff Stackpole ('87, football). The 16th annual induction ceremony will be held during Alumni Weekend on Friday, Oct. 28.

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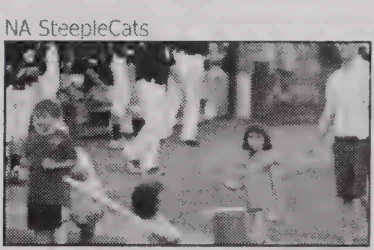

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Dr. Fantasia's leadership skills were in high demand. She served acting administration roles as Westfield State's chief executive officer, dean of undergraduate studies and vice-president of student affairs. Westfield State awarded her professor emeritus status in 1999 and she was an adjunct faculty member from 1999-2003.

Westfield State University honors her each year by presenting the Tilia J. Fantasia Professional Award to a deserving student, and the Woodward Center second floor student lounge was named in her honor when the university's academic/athletics building opened in September of 2004.

"Tilia has served as a mentor and role model to thousands of students and athletes and countless colleagues and young professionals," said Persson. "Tilia is a wonderful human being who cares deeply about others and who willingly devoted endless energy to provide assistance and support."

David Lima

DAVID LIMA - Class of 1986
Soccer

David Lima ('86) ranks as one of the best players in the storied history of the Westfield State men's soccer program. The Ludlow native was an All-America nominee, a three-time All-New England and four-time all-conference selection. He was the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) player of the year in 1984 when he led the Owls to the second round of the NCAA national tournament.

Despite playing midfield his first three years, Lima ranks seventh on the Owls' all-time scoring charts with 120 points (48 goals, 24 assists). During his senior season in 1984, he tallied 51 points and 23 goals, the third best mark in school history.

A big-game striker, Lima led the Owls to a 15-4-2 record in 1984 and scored the game-winning goal in a 1-0 victory over previously unbeaten Salem State – ranked third nationally – in the NCAA Tournament. He scored 35 points (14 goals, 7 assists) in 1983 when the Owls were 12-6-1 and participated in the ECAC Tournament.

Lima continued to excel on the pitch following his collegiate career. He played on the U.S. East Region National Select Team from 1984 to 1986, and was in the U.S. Olympic and national team player pool as one of the top 100 players in the United States. In 1986 he was the only New England player chosen to participate in the U.S. Olympic Sports Festival.

Lima was a two-time Luso American Soccer League first division all-star and played for six years on the Connecticut state all-star select team. In total, he played 15 years as a semi-pro player in three different leagues, and won multiple Connecticut Division I championships as a member of the Gremio Lusitano Club of Ludlow.

Lima has been a player/coach for the Unity Athletic Club soccer team of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League (PVSSL) for the past 30 years. He has led the club team to 11 PVSSL championships and garnered multiple league MVP and leading scorer trophies. He played alongside his son, Michael, for five years in the PVSSL, and with Michael earning MVP honors they led the Unity Athletic Club to the PVSSL championship in 2005.

Ranked the 20th all-time greatest Ludlow athlete by the Ludlow Register newspaper, Lima received professional tryout offers from overseas clubs in Holland and Belgium and six teams in the United States Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL).

Lima was a standout player at Ludlow High School. During his junior year in 1979, he scored a goal the Lions' 2-1 victory over Needham in the state championship game. He was an All-America nominee and an All-State and All-New England selection in 1980 when he scored a league-high 27 points (12 goals, 15 assists). Lima is being inducted into the Ludlow High School Hall of Fame on Sept. 25, 2011.

In addition, Lima coached championship youth and high school summer clubs from 1990 to 2003 and has been a soccer official for the past seven years. He successfully completed his NCAA collegiate referee exam in November of 2010.

Lima worked for more than 20 years as a licensed insurance adjuster after graduating from Westfield State with a degree in business administration. He has been employed since 2008 as a correctional officer in the Hampden Country Sheriff's Department. He and his wife, Marcia, reside in Ludlow and will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year. Their son Michael played on two state championship teams at Ludlow High School and is a graduate of Franklin Pierce University, where he was a star player for the 2007 NCAA Division II national champions.

Kathy Norton

KATHY NORTON - Class of 1987
Cross Country/Track & Field

Kathy Norton ('87) was the premiere runner for the highly successful Westfield State women's cross country and track teams in the mid-1980s. A two-time national qualifier in track, she earned All-America honors by placing eighth in the 5,000 meter run at the 1987 NCAA national championships.

She collected three All-New England certificates in leading Westfield to top 10 finishes in the New England Division III cross country championships. Norton placed 17th at New Englands in 1984, 15th in 1985 and 25th in 1986, narrowly missing qualifying for the national championships all three seasons. Team-wise, the Owls finished third in the 1984 and 1985 New England finals and ninth in 1986.

In 1985 Norton placed first in the inaugural Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's cross country championship in a Stanley Park course record time of 18:39 in pacing the Owls to the team title. She earned all-conference honors in the 1986 MASCAC championships by placing second. Also in 1986, she was 14th overall in leading Westfield to a seventh place team finish in the ECAC Division III championships.

A versatile athlete and team leader, Norton also threw the javelin in track and field and participated in varsity basketball and swimming, both for a year, at Westfield. She was a highly recruited athlete out of Billerica Memorial High School, where she was the second female athlete to earn 12 varsity letters. Norton captained the cross country indoor track and outdoor track teams at Billerica and held cross country course records at Chelmsford and Lowell.

Norton resides in Lowell with her partner, Kate Sullivan. She has worked at UPS for the past 24 years and is the sales manager for Boston. In her spare time, Norton spends the weekends in Maine, competes in local road races and triathlons, and has a passion for travel.

Jeff Stackpole

JEFF STACKPOLE - Class of 1988
Football

Jeff Stackpole ('88) is considered the best tight end in Westfield State football history. An imposing and athletic 6-4, 230-pounder, Stackpole was second team All-America in 1987.

The sure-handed tight end dominated the Westfield aerial attack his senior season, catching more than half of the team's 87 receptions. He set school records of 49 catches for 701 yards and eight touchdowns, averaging 14.3 yards per reception and 5.4 catches per game, finishing 21st nationally. The Owls posted a then school best 6-3 record his senior season and were ranked eighth in New England.

A three-year starter for the Owls, Stackpole still holds school records for tight ends with career totals of 85 catches, 1,265 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns. A three-sport high school standout (football, baseball, hockey) at Winchester, Mass., he played his first year of college football at Northeastern University.

In addition to his All-America honor, Stackpole was an All-New England and a first-team all-conference selection in 1987. He was an all-conference selection his junior season when he had 21 catches for 268 yards.

Stackpole is one of the few Westfield State football players to receive a professional tryout. The consummate team player who led by example, Stackpole was an excellent blocker and also played defense for the Owls on goal-line and short-yardage situations.

Stackpole is an avid golfer and has won the club championship at Georgetown (Mass.) Country Club. He is a sales representative for Medline Industries and resides in Chelmsford with his wife, Kathy, and son Sean (8) and daughter Amanda (5).

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Don DelNegro

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DelNegro, now in his 19th season as the Boston Bruins head athletic trainer, was a student trainer all four years he attended Westfield State. DelNegro performed 1800 hours of volunteer service, working primarily with the Owl football, basketball, baseball and ice hockey teams under the guidance of legendary Westfield State athletic trainer Rich Pierce, who was inducted into the Westfield Hall of Fame following his retirement in 2006.

DelNegro's dream of working in professional sports, especially for the Boston hockey team he grew up rooting for in his hometown of North Adams, Mass., was fulfilled when he was hired by the Bruins in 1993 after a five-year stint as the director of sports medicine at Williams College. He earned a master's degree in sports medicine from Indiana State in 1986 and was the assistant athletic trainer at the United States Olympic training center in Lake Placid, N.Y., from 1986-1988.

DelNegro accomplished other career goals by being selected the athletic trainer for the U.S. Bobsled and Luge teams at the 1992 Olympic Games in Albertville, France, and for Team USA at the 2000, 2005 and 2007 World Hockey championships. Moreover, he crossed paths with another Westfield State graduate when he served as head athletic trainer for the U.S. men's hockey team at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Turin, Italy. Peter Laviolette (Class of 1986 and a Westfield State Hall of Fame inductee in 2002) was the head coach of the 2006 Olympic ice hockey squad. DelNegro was also the U.S. wrestling team trainer at the 1991 Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba.

As accommodating as the NHL players he treats, DelNegro always welcomes opportunities to share his experiences and expertise with aspiring athletic trainers. DelNegro has met with Westfield State student athletic trainers prior to games in Boston and he has returned to Westfield State several times to make presentations at career workshops.

DelNegro and his wife, Claire, have a daughter, Renee (13), and reside in Lynnfield, Mass. His wife was a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic Luge team and has been vice president of the International Luge Federation since 1998. They enjoy spending time at their summer home in Lake Placid, N.Y., where they shared the Stanley Cup with family and friends for a day on July 12.

Dr. Tilia Fantasia

DR. TILIA FANTASIA - 1966-1998
Administrator/Coach/Faculty

Dr. Tilia Fantasia has a long and distinguished career as an administrator, educator and a pioneer of women's equality in sports on the local, state, regional and national levels. Dr. Fantasia's prominent teaching and administration career at Westfield State spanned five decades, and she worked tirelessly to promote and create sports opportunities for women before and after the landmark Title IX federal law enacted in 1972 that barred gender discrimination in educational settings.

Dr. Fantasia initiated the women's varsity sports of field hockey, basketball, softball, gymnastics and volleyball shortly after arriving to Westfield State in 1966, and coached the field hockey and softball teams for several years. She chaired Westfield State's department of physical education for women from 1968-1971.

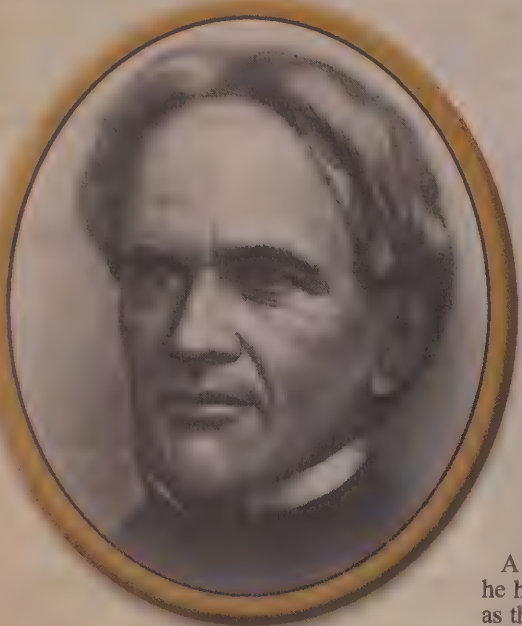
Short in stature, Dr. Fantasia is a giant in the area of leadership and administration. She has held countless leadership positions in multiple organizations, including the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD), Massachusetts Division for Girls' and Women's Sports, United States Field Hockey Association, and national and regional associations for physical education in higher education.

On the national level, Dr. Fantasia was the AAHPERD parliamentarian for 17 years and completed a three-year term on the board of governors. She served as the parliamentarian/fiscal officer for the National Association of Girls' and Women's in Sports/AAHPERD from 1980-88 and was the parliamentarian and president of the Eastern District/AAHPERD. She was a vice-president of the statewide MAHPERD and a member of the Massachusetts Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) gender equity committee from 1997-2001, and was a member of the committee to form the first Massachusetts State Colleges Women's Athletic Conference. Moreover, she officiated basketball, field hockey and volleyball games for many years and held numerous leadership roles for the Greater Springfield Board of Women Officials.

The highly respected educator and mentor is a much sought after speaker and an accomplished lawyer, having been admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1987. She received the MAHPERD Joseph McKenney Award for Distinguished Service in 2004, and the Eastern District/AAHPERD Honor Award, and the AAHPERD Honor Fellow Award. Further, the Eastern District/AAHPERD established the Tilia J. Fantasia Service Award in 2003. She received distinguished service faculty and administrator awards from Westfield State in 1983 and 1991. Also a talented athlete, Dr. Fantasia has gained recognition on the state level as an exceptional badminton player.

Dr. Fantasia wore many hats at Westfield State from 1966 to her retirement in 1998, most notably as chairperson of the department of movement science, sport & leisure studies for 20 years. "It was due to her vision and her leadership that a (physical education) major program was born in 1969, and it was also through Tillie's nurturing that the major program subsequently grew and earned respect as one of the best in the state," said Dr. Carol Persson, a former faculty member in the department who is now Westfield State's vice-president for enrollment management.

# HORACE MANN AWARD *for* PUBLIC SERVICE



**James C. Hagen has demonstrated significant contributions to his alma mater through his volunteerism, length of service, and philanthropic support.**

As a Westfield native, Mr. Hagan's connections with Westfield State go back generations.

A long list of his aunts, uncles and cousins followed the lead of his grandmother, Catherine O'Rourke, a member of the class of 1924 and his dad, Charles "Bud" Hagen, ushered Westfield State into its modern era of intercollegiate athletics, when he served as our first full-time athletics director.

Like his father, Mr. Hagan has demonstrated a lifetime of service to Westfield State. As a bat boy for the Westfield State baseball team in his childhood years, he first volunteered for the college. While a member of the Class of 1984, he balanced his academic life with participation on the soccer and baseball teams.

As Chair of the Westfield State College Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Westfield State College Foundation, Mr. Hagan provided loyal and effective stewardship from 1996 to 2001. His chairmanship of the Access To Excellence capital campaign for the university, the university's first major capital fund-raising effort, resulted in the building of the award-winning Woodward Center.

A graduate with a degree in business management, he has always credited his Westfield State education as the impetus for his subsequent impressive career - a career that includes an MBA from American International College and outstanding administrative work for the Bank of New England, Springfield Institution for Savings and Westfield Bank. As current President and CEO of Westfield Bank, he distinguishes himself with exceptional leadership that connects the business community with the college.

Jim's consistent commitment to the academic and athletic programs of Westfield State reflects his belief in the quality and importance of public higher education and collegiate sports. In 1998, he received the coveted Alumnus of the Year award and last year he was the first recipient of the James C. Hagen award, established by the Westfield State College Athletic Hall of Fame Committee to recognize sustained excellent service in support of our athletics program.

James Hagen's values and dedication to the goals and mission of Westfield State University make him an exceptional candidate for an honorary degree. Having remained connected and committed to his alma mater in ways which are significantly shaping the future of the university, he is a fine role model for our students and alumni. His belief in the value of volunteerism is exemplified by his constant stewardship of the university and the many civic organizations for which he has offered his support. In his professional life as President of Westfield Bank, he has built bridges between Westfield State and the community, while enhancing the quality of life here in our city and throughout the greater Westfield region. There is no better advocate than James Hagan for higher education, the creative economy, community collaboration and Westfield State University.

**JAMES C. HAGAN**

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# Westfield State University 2011-2012 Men's Basketball Roster

| NO. | NAME | CL | POS | HT | WT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Lee Vazquez ** | JR | G | 5-6 | 155 | Attleboro (Woonsocket, RI) |
| 4 | Mike Moynihan | JR | G | 5-6 | 155 | Northampton |
| 10 | Travis Nally * | JR | G | 5-9 | 175 | Melrose (Malden) |
| 12 | Scott Gilmore | JR | G | 5-10 | 175 | Carver |
| 13 | Steinnhard Renaud | SR | F | 6-4 | 225 | Worcester (St. Mary's) |
| 14 | Kashawn Harris | SR | F | 6-3 | 230 | Springfield (Commerce) |
| 15 | Carl Stewart ** | JR | F | 6-6 | 205 | Springfield (Commerce) |
| 20 | Dan Tessier | FR | F | 6-3 | 185 | Uxbridge |
| 21 | Matt Devine ** | JR | C | 6-7 | 205 | Pembroke |
| 22 | Josh Levitan | FR | G | 6-0 | 170 | West Hartford, CT (Conard) |
| 23 | Zwelky Cruz | JR | G | 6-1 | 170 | Dorchester (Jeremiah E. Burke) |
| 24 | Ryan White * | JR | F | 6-6 | 200 | Philadelphia, PA (Franklin Learning Center |
| 30 | Ryan DeLosa *** | SR | C | 6-5 | 225 | Leeds, NY (Cairo-Durham) |
| 31 | David Soto | FR | G | 6-0 | 190 | Holyoke |
| 32 | Grant Cooper | FR | F | 6-2 | 194 | Northampton |
| 34 | Marcellus Lee * | SR | C | 6-4 | 250 | Quincy (North Quincy) |
| 42 | Dan Johnson | FR | F | 6-4 | 220 | Belchertown |
| 55 | Carlo Buono | FR | G | 5-11 | 225 | Lynn (Lynn Classical) |

*** - Number of years played at Westfield State before 2011-2012 season**

**Head Coach: Rich Sutter (14th year)** **Assistant Coaches: John Gingras (3rd year)**

**Captain: Ryan DeLosa, Matt Devine, Lee Vazquez**

**Managers: Darcy Borecki, Samantha Lacasse**

## Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

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### Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
### Men's Basketball Standings (Through Games Played of December 4, 2011)

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | GP | W | L | Pct. | GP | W | L | Pct. | Streak |
| Fitchburg State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 7 | 6 | 1 | .857 | Won 1 |
| Salem State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 8 | 6 | 2 | .750 | Lost 1 |
| Westfield State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 7 | 5 | 2 | .714 | Lost 2 |
| Framingham State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 8 | 3 | 5 | .375 | Lost 3 |
| Bridgewater State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 6 | 2 | 4 | .333 | Lost 3 |
| Worcester State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 6 | 2 | 4 | .333 | Lost 1 |
| MCLA | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 7 | 2 | 5 | .286 | Won 1 |

### MASCAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week

**Lee Vazquez, Westfield State (Jr., G, Attleboro, Mass.)** -- Averaged 28.5 points, five rebounds and 4.3 steals in 2-2 week for Owls, including career-high 38 points in 78-56 victory over Regis to go with 31 points in 89-50 win over Green Mountain. Added 25 points in 79-62 setback to third-ranked Amherst at Springfield Pioneer Valley Classic and canned 15 treys on week

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# Men's Basketball

*Junior guard Lee Vazquez*
*MASCAC Player of the Week*

## Western New England

## vs.

## Westfield State University

## December 6, 2011

12/9/2011

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# Devine and Vazquez lead men's basketball to 6-2 start

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

While the 12-15 record of Westfield's men's basketball team last season was not the best, the team gained important experience that is set to pay big dividends this season.

With only two players lost to graduation last year, many key players from last year's team returned this season including captains Matt Devine and Lee Vazquez.

With Vazquez leading the charge offensively and Devine being a force on the defensive side of the ball, the Owls are 6-2 to start the 2011-2012 season.

Vazquez, a 5-foot-6 junior guard from Rhode Island, has been a scoring machine so far this season.

In seven games so far this year, (as of Dec. 4) Vazquez has been lighting it up for 26 points a game, as well as shooting 39 percent from three-point range.

His offensive leadership has been vital in keeping Westfield in many games this season.

In last Saturday's 79-62 loss against number three-ranked Amherst College, Vazquez had 25 points along with seven rebounds and three assists.

Another important statistic that Vazquez has shown so far is his ability to stay out of foul trouble, having played in almost every second of every game so far.

While Vazquez is the leader on offense, on defense 6-foot-7 Matt Devine holds annual block parties every game.

The junior center recently broke the school record for most blocked shots, which was previously held by Russell Thompson of the class of 1987 with 139.

Devine has 172 blocks and counting for his career at Westfield and still has another year left of eligibility. This season he is averaging five blocks along with 12 points and 10 boards per game.

Like Vazquez he has also scored in double figures against Amherst with 11 points and two blocks.

*photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com*

Westfield improved to 6-2 with a 71-48 victory over Western New England on Tuesday night.

In Westfield's most recent victory, a 71-48 win over Western New England on Tuesday night, Vazquez and Devine once again led the charge for the Owls.

Vazquez finished with 20 points, six assists and six steals while Devine added a 12 point, 12 rebound double-double to go along with seven blocked shots.

Freshman forward Grant Cooper collected 12 points, four assists and three steals while junior guard Travis Nally added 13 points.

Though coach Rich Sutter must be happy with his team's fast start this season, he needs to see more consistent production out of some of his other players like Cooper and Nally.

Cooper averages almost nine points a game and Nally scores six a game.

If Cooper and Nally along with key bench players like Marcellus Lee and Carl Stewart can step up, then the Owls should be a force this season in the MASCAC.

Westfield is set to play in two tournaments during the winter semester break.

WSU will first play in the Daytona Beach Shootout in Florida on December 19 and 20 and then take part in the Trinity College Tournament in Hartford, CT on December 29 and 30.

Following the break, he Owls begin MASCAC play on January 7 with a home game against Salem State at .

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# Men's Basketball

*Junior center Matt Devine leads the NCAA Division III in blocked shots*

## Worcester State University

## Westfield State University

## January 31, 2012

Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
Men's Basketball Standings (Through Games Played of January 29, 2012)

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | GP | W | L | Pct. | GP | W | L | Pct. | Streak |
| Bridgewater State | 7 | 5 | 2 | .714 | 18 | 10 | 8 | .556 | Won 1 |
| Salem State | 7 | 5 | 2 | .714 | 19 | 12 | 7 | .632 | Won 2 |
| MCLA | 6 | 4 | 2 | .667 | 19 | 7 | 12 | .368 | Won 3 |
| Westfield State | 7 | 4 | 3 | .571 | 20 | 12 | 8 | .600 | Lost 1 |
| Worcester State | 7 | 3 | 4 | .429 | 19 | 6 | 13 | .316 | Lost 5 |
| Framingham State | 7 | 2 | 5 | .286 | 20 | 8 | 12 | .400 | Won 1 |
| Fitchburg State | 7 | 1 | 6 | .143 | 18 | 9 | 9 | .500 | Lost 5 |

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## 2011-12 MASCAC Men's Basketball
## INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS
## Through games of Jan 29, 2012 (All games)

To be ranked, a player must appear in at least 75.0% of their team's games.

| | SCORING | Cl | G | FG | 3FG | FT | Pts | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 20 | 142 | 52 | 97 | 433 | 21.7 |
| 2. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 19 | 138 | 2 | 48 | 326 | 17.2 |
| 3. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 20 | 106 | 17 | 89 | 318 | 15.9 |
| 4. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 19 | 117 | 4 | 59 | 297 | 15.6 |
| 5. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 14 | 74 | 1 | 64 | 213 | 15.2 |
| 6. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 15 | 79 | 39 | 30 | 227 | 15.1 |
| 7. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 18 | 84 | 19 | 78 | 265 | 14.7 |
| 8. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 18 | 90 | 0 | 67 | 247 | 13.7 |
| 9. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 18 | 94 | 23 | 31 | 242 | 13.4 |
| 10. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 17 | 80 | 18 | 50 | 228 | 13.4 |
| 11. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 19 | 85 | 17 | 64 | 251 | 13.2 |
| 12. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 18 | 73 | 33 | 45 | 224 | 12.4 |
| 13. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 19 | 84 | 36 | 23 | 227 | 11.9 |
| 14. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 20 | 79 | 3 | 75 | 236 | 11.8 |
| 15. | Brandon Selby-FIT | Jr | 16 | 71 | 8 | 37 | 187 | 11.7 |
| 16. | Adam Fahey-FIT | Jr | 15 | 64 | 23 | 24 | 175 | 11.7 |
| 17. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 16 | 76 | 1 | 33 | 186 | 11.6 |
| 18. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 19 | 76 | 8 | 37 | 197 | 10.4 |
| 19. | Tyriq Rochester-MCL | So | 18 | 66 | 2 | 47 | 181 | 10.1 |
| 20. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 20 | 69 | 0 | 53 | 191 | 9.6 |
| | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 20 | 81 | 0 | 29 | 191 | 9.6 |
| 22. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 19 | 69 | 0 | 27 | 165 | 8.7 |
| 23. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 19 | 63 | 21 | 17 | 164 | 8.6 |
| 24. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | So | 20 | 61 | 0 | 50 | 172 | 8.6 |
| 25. | Andrew White-SSU | So | 16 | 44 | 13 | 36 | 137 | 8.6 |
| 26. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 18 | 54 | 27 | 18 | 153 | 8.5 |
| 27. | Justin Nieves-SSU | Jr | 19 | 53 | 16 | 38 | 160 | 8.4 |
| 28. | Dan Clark-SSU | Sr | 19 | 47 | 21 | 22 | 137 | 7.2 |
| 29. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 19 | 46 | 26 | 18 | 136 | 7.2 |
| 30. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 18 | 39 | 6 | 43 | 127 | 7.1 |

| | REBOUNDING | Cl | G | Off | Def | Total | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 19 | 69 | 121 | 190 | 10.0 |
| 2. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 20 | 33 | 162 | 195 | 9.8 |
| 3. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 18 | 71 | 95 | 166 | 9.2 |
| 4. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 19 | 25 | 140 | 165 | 8.7 |
| 5. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 14 | 36 | 75 | 111 | 7.9 |
| 6. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 19 | 49 | 85 | 134 | 7.1 |
| 7. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 16 | 45 | 61 | 106 | 6.6 |
| 8. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 19 | 45 | 65 | 110 | 5.8 |
| 9. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 20 | 26 | 88 | 114 | 5.7 |
| | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 20 | 46 | 68 | 114 | 5.7 |
| 11. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 17 | 24 | 67 | 91 | 5.4 |
| 12. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 18 | 30 | 66 | 96 | 5.3 |
| 13. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 20 | 33 | 71 | 104 | 5.2 |
| | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 15 | 28 | 50 | 78 | 5.2 |
| 15. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 18 | 21 | 70 | 91 | 5.1 |
| 16. | Michael Lofton-BSU | Fr | 18 | 28 | 60 | 88 | 4.9 |
| 17. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 20 | 24 | 70 | 94 | 4.7 |
| 18. | Brandon Selby-FIT | Jr | 16 | 24 | 51 | 75 | 4.7 |
| 19. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 19 | 31 | 58 | 89 | 4.7 |
| 20. | Tyriq Rochester-MCL | So | 18 | 28 | 55 | 83 | 4.6 |

| | FIELD GOAL PCT | Cl | G | FGM | FGA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 19 | 138 | 229 | .603 |
| 2. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 20 | 69 | 128 | .539 |
| 3. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 19 | 69 | 129 | .535 |
| 4. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 14 | 74 | 140 | .529 |
| 5. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 19 | 85 | 170 | .500 |
| 6. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 16 | 76 | 153 | .497 |
| 7. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 20 | 106 | 215 | .493 |
| 8. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 19 | 63 | 131 | .481 |
| 9. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 18 | 94 | 198 | .475 |
| 10. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 19 | 117 | 248 | .472 |
| 11. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 20 | 81 | 172 | .471 |
| 12. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 18 | 90 | 192 | .469 |
| 13. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | So | 20 | 61 | 142 | .430 |
| 14. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 20 | 142 | 335 | .424 |
| 15. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 19 | 84 | 201 | .418 |
| | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 18 | 84 | 201 | .418 |

| | ASSISTS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Apollos Wade-SSU | Sr | 19 | 89 | 4.7 |
| 2. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 20 | 84 | 4.2 |
| 3. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 19 | 73 | 3.8 |
| 4. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 18 | 66 | 3.7 |
| 5. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 18 | 59 | 3.3 |
| 6. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 17 | 54 | 3.2 |
| 7. | Sean Sullivan-FIT | Sr | 18 | 56 | 3.1 |
| 8. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 19 | 57 | 3.0 |
| 9. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 20 | 57 | 2.9 |
| 10. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 20 | 54 | 2.7 |
| 11. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 18 | 47 | 2.6 |
| 12. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 20 | 49 | 2.5 |
| 13. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 18 | 43 | 2.4 |
| 14. | Bilal Shabazz-MCL | Jr | 18 | 33 | 1.8 |
| 15. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 14 | 25 | 1.8 |

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# INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS
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| 3. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 19 | 69 | 129 | .535 |
| 4. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 14 | 74 | 140 | .529 |
| 5. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 19 | 85 | 170 | .500 |
| 6. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 16 | 76 | 153 | .497 |
| 7. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 20 | 106 | 215 | .493 |
| 8. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 19 | 63 | 131 | .481 |
| 9. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 18 | 94 | 198 | .475 |
| 10. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 19 | 117 | 248 | .472 |
| 11. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 20 | 81 | 172 | .471 |
| 12. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 18 | 90 | 192 | .469 |
| 13. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | So | 20 | 61 | 142 | .430 |
| 14. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 20 | 142 | 335 | .424 |
| 15. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 19 | 84 | 201 | .418 |
| | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 18 | 84 | 201 | .418 |

| | ASSISTS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Apollos Wade-SSU | Sr | 19 | 89 | 4.7 |
| 2. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 20 | 84 | 4.2 |
| 3. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 19 | 73 | 3.8 |
| 4. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 18 | 66 | 3.7 |
| 5. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 18 | 59 | 3.3 |
| 6. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 17 | 54 | 3.2 |
| 7. | Sean Sullivan-FIT | Sr | 18 | 56 | 3.1 |
| 8. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 19 | 57 | 3.0 |
| 9. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 20 | 57 | 2.9 |
| 10. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 20 | 54 | 2.7 |
| 11. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 18 | 47 | 2.6 |
| 12. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 20 | 49 | 2.5 |
| 13. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 18 | 43 | 2.4 |
| 14. | Bilal Shabazz-MCL | Jr | 18 | 33 | 1.8 |
| 15. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 14 | 25 | 1.8 |

| | OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 18 | 71 | 3.9 |
| 2. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 19 | 69 | 3.6 |
| 3. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 16 | 45 | 2.8 |
| 4. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 19 | 49 | 2.6 |
| 5. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 14 | 36 | 2.6 |
| 6. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 19 | 45 | 2.4 |
| 7. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 20 | 46 | 2.3 |
| 8. | Ryan DeLosa-WES | Sr | 19 | 43 | 2.3 |
| 9. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | So | 20 | 42 | 2.1 |
| 10. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 15 | 28 | 1.9 |
| 11. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 18 | 30 | 1.7 |
| 12. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 20 | 33 | 1.7 |
| | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 20 | 33 | 1.7 |
| 14. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 19 | 31 | 1.6 |
| 15. | Allen St. Surin-FRA | Sr | 19 | 30 | 1.6 |

| | DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 20 | 162 | 8.1 |
| 2. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 19 | 140 | 7.4 |
| 3. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 19 | 121 | 6.4 |
| 4. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 14 | 75 | 5.4 |
| 5. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 18 | 95 | 5.3 |
| 6. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 19 | 85 | 4.5 |
| 7. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 20 | 88 | 4.4 |
| 8. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 17 | 67 | 3.9 |
| 9. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 18 | 70 | 3.9 |
| 10. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 16 | 61 | 3.8 |
| 11. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 18 | 66 | 3.7 |
| 12. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 20 | 71 | 3.6 |
| 13. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 20 | 70 | 3.5 |
| 14. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 19 | 65 | 3.4 |
| 15. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 20 | 68 | 3.4 |

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**Westfield State University Seniors**
**Marcellus Lee**
**Ryan DeLosa**

# Framingham State University
# Westfield State University
# February 14, 2012

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### Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
### Men's Basketball Standings (Through Games Played of February 12, 2012)

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Institution** | **GP** | **W** | **L** | **Pct.** | **GP** | **W** | **L** | **Pct.** | **Streak** |
| Bridgewater State | 10 | 8 | 2 | .800 | 22 | 13 | 9 | .591 | Won 1 |
| Salem State | 10 | 8 | 2 | .800 | 22 | 15 | 7 | .682 | Won 5 |
| Westfield State | 10 | 6 | 4 | .600 | 23 | 14 | 9 | .609 | Won 1 |
| Worcester State | 11 | 5 | 6 | .455 | 24 | 8 | 16 | .333 | Lost 1 |
| MCLA | 10 | 4 | 6 | .400 | 23 | 7 | 16 | .304 | Lost 4 |
| Framingham State | 11 | 3 | 8 | .273 | 24 | 9 | 15 | .375 | Won 1 |
| Fitchburg State | 10 | 2 | 8 | .200 | 22 | 11 | 11 | .500 | Lost 2 |

# Men's basketball pulls out last second victory over MCLA

**Matt Jardin**
Voice Reporter

In the final seconds of Tuesday night's game, the Westfield State University men's basketball team beat the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Blazers 69-68.

Westfield was down by five late in the game, 68-63, but went on a 6-0 run to close the game.

Westfield's last play of the game was meant to be a high pick-and-roll in which junior point guard Lee Vazquez would have had the last shot. However, Vazquez was caught in a trap by two MCLA defenders so he lobbed the ball to freshman Grant Cooper.

"I didn't think I had enough time so I was going to put up a floater, then I saw Matt open down low," said Cooper.

Cooper passed the ball to Matt Devine underneath the basket and Devine put up an easy layup that put Westfield up by one with only three-tenths of a second left for MCLA to work with.

"Coop told me that if he got the ball he was giving it to me no matter what," said Devine.

Cooper was the leading scorer for Westfield. He put up 16 points and also had 10 rebounds, giving him a double-double.

"I have been working hard, and it was great to see my hard work pay off," said Cooper. Cooper also added five assists and three blocked shots in the win.

"It was the best game Coop had all season," said Westfield State head coach Rich Sutter.

Junior center Matt Devine, who leads the NCAA Division III in blocked shots, also scored 16 points, but said he was unhappy with his game.

"I honestly didn't play that well," Devine said. "My defense wasn't very good, and I missed a lot of my free throws."

Devine only had one block in the game, but he has been averaging five a game this season. He also contributed nine rebounds and seven assists, and in the end, he did hit the game winner.

Westfield scored the last six points of the game to close out the win. After Travis Nally hit a three-pointer that brought Westfield closer, MCLA would get their last three points before Westfield got three straight buckets to win by one.

MCLA kept Vazquez quite for the whole game. He was only able to get 11 points, which is well under his average of 22.2 per game. Vazquez had five steals, but gave the ball up seven times.

He wasn't the only one on his team giving the ball away though, as three of his teammates had four turnovers each.

MCLA racked up 16 steal in the game, most of which came from Tyrell Mosley. Chris Harris led MCLA with 19 points, followed by Vernon Cross who had 14

Westfield has not been playing their best basketball as of late according to coach Sutter. "We have definitely been struggling lately," said coach Sutter, "We take too many fouls, but I think we showed some improvement in that department tonight."

OWLS WIN!!
WESTFIELD 10
WESTFIELD 32
WESTFIELD

*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Grant Cooper (32) is congratulated by Travis Nally (10) and Scott Gilmore following Westfield's dramatic buzzer beating victory over MCLA.

Westfield had 20 personal fouls, but MCLA only hit 47.6 percent of their free throws while Westfield hit 61.5 percent of theirs.

Westfield left the game with a 14-9 record (6-4 MASCAC record) on the season while MCLA fell to 7-15 (4-5 MASCAC record).

Westfield's next game will be played at the Woodward Center on Tuesday, Feb. 14th vs. Framingham State at 7:30 p.m. It will be the Owls final home game of the regular season.

Westfield is currently in 3rd place in the conference, right behind Bridgewater and Salem who are tied for first.

# 2011-12 MASCAC Men's Basketball
# INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS
## Through games of Feb 12, 2012 (All games)

To be ranked, a player must appear in at least 75.0% of their team's games.

| | SCORING | Cl | G | FG | 3FG | FT | Pts | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 23 | 166 | 61 | 106 | 499 | 21.7 |
| 2. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 22 | 166 | 3 | 72 | 407 | 18.5 |
| 3. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 24 | 153 | 4 | 80 | 390 | 16.3 |
| 4. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 24 | 121 | 19 | 107 | 368 | 15.3 |
| 5. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 22 | 123 | 0 | 88 | 334 | 15.2 |
| 6. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 21 | 103 | 24 | 75 | 305 | 14.5 |
| 7. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 23 | 107 | 25 | 92 | 331 | 14.4 |
| 8. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 18 | 91 | 1 | 76 | 259 | 14.4 |
| 9. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 22 | 100 | 23 | 82 | 305 | 13.9 |
| 10. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 19 | 90 | 44 | 35 | 259 | 13.6 |
| 11. | Brandon Selby-FIT | Jr | 20 | 95 | 10 | 54 | 254 | 12.7 |
| 12. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 22 | 108 | 26 | 35 | 277 | 12.6 |
| 13. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 23 | 108 | 41 | 32 | 289 | 12.6 |
| 14. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 22 | 89 | 42 | 54 | 274 | 12.5 |
| 15. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 20 | 101 | 2 | 44 | 248 | 12.4 |
| 16. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 23 | 97 | 3 | 86 | 283 | 12.3 |
| 17. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 24 | 109 | 2 | 42 | 262 | 10.9 |
| 18. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 23 | 96 | 13 | 44 | 249 | 10.8 |
| 19. | Andrew White-SSU | So | 19 | 61 | 15 | 52 | 189 | 9.9 |
| 20. | Tyriq Rochester-MCL | So | 22 | 78 | 1 | 57 | 217 | 9.9 |
| 21. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 18 | 59 | 19 | 40 | 177 | 9.8 |
| 22. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 24 | 89 | 0 | 48 | 226 | 9.4 |
| 23. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 23 | 79 | 0 | 57 | 215 | 9.3 |
| 24. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 23 | 80 | 24 | 21 | 205 | 8.9 |
| 25. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | | 20 | 61 | 0 | 50 | 172 | 8.6 |
| 26. | Justin Nieves-SSU | Jr | 22 | 57 | 17 | 49 | 180 | 8.2 |
| 27. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 22 | 61 | 32 | 20 | 174 | 7.9 |
| 28. | Jeremy Kimber-FIT | Sr | 17 | 51 | 10 | 20 | 132 | 7.8 |
| 29. | Rico DePaolis-FRA | Jr | 24 | 61 | 43 | 14 | 179 | 7.5 |
| 30. | Dan Clark-SSU | Sr | 22 | 56 | 24 | 22 | 158 | 7.2 |

| | REBOUNDING | Cl | G | Off | Def | Total | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 23 | 47 | 194 | 241 | 10.5 |
| 2. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 24 | 98 | 150 | 248 | 10.3 |
| 3. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 22 | 96 | 120 | 216 | 9.8 |
| 4. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 22 | 31 | 161 | 192 | 8.7 |
| 5. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 18 | 44 | 100 | 144 | 8.0 |
| 6. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 24 | 62 | 102 | 164 | 6.8 |
| 7. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 20 | 59 | 76 | 135 | 6.8 |
| 8. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 24 | 55 | 90 | 145 | 6.0 |
| 9. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 22 | 52 | 77 | 129 | 5.9 |
| 10. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 24 | 30 | 107 | 137 | 5.7 |
| 11. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 23 | 41 | 86 | 127 | 5.5 |
| 12. | Brandon Selby-FIT | Jr | 20 | 32 | 71 | 103 | 5.2 |
| 13. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 19 | 36 | 61 | 97 | 5.1 |
| 14. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 21 | 32 | 75 | 107 | 5.1 |
| 15. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 22 | 33 | 79 | 112 | 5.1 |
| 16. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 23 | 26 | 83 | 109 | 4.7 |
| 17. | Michael Lofton-BSU | Fr | 22 | 32 | 72 | 104 | 4.7 |
| 18. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 23 | 28 | 77 | 105 | 4.6 |
| 19. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 23 | 37 | 66 | 103 | 4.5 |
| 20. | Tyriq Rochester-MCL | So | 22 | 33 | 65 | 98 | 4.5 |
| | Ryan White-WES | Jr | 22 | 27 | 71 | 98 | 4.5 |

| | FIELD GOAL PCT | Cl | G | FGM | FGA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 22 | 166 | 268 | .619 |
| 2. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 24 | 89 | 172 | .517 |
| 3. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 20 | 101 | 196 | .515 |
| 4. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 23 | 79 | 154 | .513 |
| 5. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 18 | 91 | 179 | .508 |
| 6. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 23 | 80 | 159 | .503 |
| 7. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 22 | 100 | 203 | .493 |
| 8. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 22 | 123 | 250 | .492 |
| 9. | Andrew White-SSU | So | 19 | 61 | 124 | .492 |
| 10. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 24 | 109 | 222 | .491 |
| 11. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 24 | 121 | 249 | .486 |
| 12. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 22 | 108 | 229 | .472 |
| 13. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 24 | 153 | 332 | .461 |
| 14. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | | 20 | 61 | 142 | .430 |
| 15. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 23 | 108 | 252 | .429 |

| | ASSISTS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Apollos Wade-SSU | Sr | 22 | 97 | 4.4 |
| 2. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 23 | 89 | 3.9 |
| 3. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 22 | 81 | 3.7 |
| 4. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 24 | 87 | 3.6 |
| 5. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 24 | 79 | 3.3 |
| 6. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 23 | 75 | 3.3 |
| 7. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 21 | 67 | 3.2 |
| 8. | Sean Sullivan-FIT | Sr | 22 | 70 | 3.2 |
| 9. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 18 | 51 | 2.8 |
| 10. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 23 | 65 | 2.8 |
| | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 23 | 65 | 2.8 |
| 12. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 23 | 60 | 2.6 |
| 13. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 22 | 52 | 2.4 |
| 14. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 22 | 49 | 2.2 |
| 15. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 19 | 39 | 2.1 |

| | OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 22 | 96 | 4.4 |
| 2. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 24 | 98 | 4.1 |
| 3. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 20 | 59 | 3.0 |
| 4. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 24 | 62 | 2.6 |
| 5. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 18 | 44 | 2.4 |
| 6. | Ryan DeLosa-WES | Sr | 22 | 53 | 2.4 |
| 7. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 22 | 52 | 2.4 |
| 8. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 24 | 55 | 2.3 |
| 9. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | | 20 | 42 | 2.1 |
| 10. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 23 | 47 | 2.0 |
| 11. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 19 | 36 | 1.9 |
| 12. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 23 | 41 | 1.8 |
| 13. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 23 | 37 | 1.6 |
| 14. | Brandon Selby-FIT | Jr | 20 | 32 | 1.6 |
| 15. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 21 | 32 | 1.5 |

| | DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 23 | 194 | 8.4 |
| 2. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 22 | 161 | 7.3 |
| 3. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 24 | 150 | 6.3 |
| 4. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 18 | 100 | 5.6 |
| 5. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 22 | 120 | 5.5 |
| 6. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 24 | 107 | 4.5 |
| 7. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 24 | 102 | 4.3 |
| 8. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 20 | 76 | 3.8 |
| 9. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 24 | 90 | 3.8 |
| 10. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 23 | 86 | 3.7 |
| 11. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 23 | 83 | 3.6 |
| 12. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 22 | 79 | 3.6 |
| 13. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 21 | 75 | 3.6 |
| 14. | Brandon Selby-FIT | Jr | 20 | 71 | 3.6 |
| 15. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 22 | 77 | 3.5 |

# 2011-12 MASCAC Men's Basketball
# INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS
## Through games of Feb 12, 2012 (All games)

| | FREE THROW PCT | Cl | G | FTM | FTA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 22 | 54 | 67 | .806 |
| 2. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 22 | 82 | 103 | .796 |
| 3. | Andrew White-SSU | So | 19 | 52 | 66 | .788 |
| 4. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 23 | 92 | 119 | .773 |
| 5. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 23 | 106 | 138 | .768 |
| 6. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 18 | 76 | 99 | .768 |
| 7. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 22 | 88 | 118 | .746 |
| 8. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 18 | 40 | 57 | .702 |
| 9. | Justin Nieves-SSU | Jr | 22 | 49 | 70 | .700 |
| 10. | Apollos Wade-SSU | Sr | 22 | 48 | 69 | .696 |
| 11. | Tyriq Rochester-MCL | So | 22 | 57 | 83 | .687 |
| 12. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 24 | 80 | 117 | .684 |
| 13. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 22 | 45 | 66 | .682 |
| 14. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 24 | 107 | 158 | .677 |
| 15. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 20 | 44 | 66 | .667 |

| | 3-POINT FG PCT | Cl | G | 3FG | FGA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rico DePaolis-FRA | Jr | 24 | 43 | 97 | .443 |
| 2. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 23 | 24 | 59 | .407 |
| 3. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 22 | 23 | 60 | .383 |
| 4. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 22 | 42 | 111 | .378 |
| 5. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 22 | 26 | 69 | .377 |
| 6. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 23 | 41 | 110 | .373 |
| 7. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 21 | 24 | 66 | .364 |
| 8. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 23 | 25 | 69 | .362 |
| 9. | Dan Clark-SSU | Sr | 22 | 24 | 68 | .353 |
| 10. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 23 | 61 | 173 | .353 |
| 11. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 18 | 19 | 56 | .339 |
| 12. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 24 | 31 | 95 | .326 |
| 13. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 19 | 44 | 145 | .303 |
| 14. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 22 | 32 | 106 | .302 |

| | BLOCKED SHOTS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 23 | 112 | 4.9 |
| 2. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 22 | 35 | 1.6 |
| 3. | Jeremy Kimber-FIT | Sr | 17 | 27 | 1.6 |
| 4. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 24 | 37 | 1.5 |
| 5. | Michael Lofton-BSU | Fr | 22 | 29 | 1.3 |
| 6. | Max Dolgin-BSU | Sr | 22 | 27 | 1.2 |
| 7. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 22 | 26 | 1.2 |
| 8. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 18 | 18 | 1.0 |
| 9. | Richard Johnson-MCL | Jr | 23 | 20 | 0.9 |
| 10. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | | 20 | 16 | 0.8 |
| 11. | Tavone Wynder-SSU | Jr | 22 | 15 | 0.7 |
| 12. | Charles Gunter-WOR | Fr | 24 | 15 | 0.6 |
| 13. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 23 | 14 | 0.6 |
| 14. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 24 | 14 | 0.6 |
| 15. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 23 | 13 | 0.6 |

| | STEALS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 23 | 90 | 3.9 |
| 2. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 22 | 55 | 2.5 |
| 3. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 22 | 48 | 2.2 |
| 4. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 23 | 49 | 2.1 |
| 5. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 24 | 48 | 2.0 |
| | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 24 | 48 | 2.0 |
| | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 18 | 36 | 2.0 |
| 8. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 23 | 45 | 2.0 |
| 9. | Andrew White-SSU | So | 19 | 36 | 1.9 |
| 10. | Jeremy Kimber-FIT | Sr | 17 | 32 | 1.9 |
| 11. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 23 | 41 | 1.8 |
| 12. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 19 | 32 | 1.7 |
| 13. | Bilal Shabazz-MCL | Jr | 22 | 36 | 1.6 |
| 14. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 21 | 31 | 1.5 |
| 15. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 24 | 35 | 1.5 |

| | 3-POINT FG MADE | Cl | G | 3FG | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 23 | 61 | 2.7 |
| 2. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 19 | 44 | 2.3 |
| 3. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 22 | 42 | 1.9 |
| 4. | Rico DePaolis-FRA | Jr | 24 | 43 | 1.8 |
| 5. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 23 | 41 | 1.8 |
| 6. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 22 | 32 | 1.5 |
| 7. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 24 | 31 | 1.3 |
| 8. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 22 | 26 | 1.2 |
| 9. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 21 | 24 | 1.1 |
| 10. | Dan Clark-SSU | Sr | 22 | 24 | 1.1 |
| 11. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 23 | 25 | 1.1 |
| 12. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 18 | 19 | 1.1 |
| 13. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 22 | 23 | 1.0 |
| 14. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 23 | 24 | 1.0 |
| 15. | Tavone Wynder-SSU | Jr | 22 | 21 | 1.0 |

| | ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO | Cl | G | Ast. | T/O | Ratio |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Sean Sullivan-FIT | Sr | 22 | 70 | 30 | 2.3 |
| 2. | Apollos Wade-SSU | Sr | 22 | 97 | 58 | 1.7 |
| 3. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 22 | 81 | 67 | 1.2 |
| 4. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 21 | 67 | 69 | 1.0 |
| 5. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 23 | 89 | 95 | 0.9 |
| 6. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 24 | 87 | 103 | 0.8 |
| 7. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 23 | 75 | 95 | 0.8 |
| 8. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 24 | 79 | 105 | 0.8 |

| | MINUTES PLAYED | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 23 | 842 | 36.6 |
| 2. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 23 | 824 | 35.8 |
| 3. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 24 | 844 | 35.2 |
| 4. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 22 | 731 | 33.2 |
| 5. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 23 | 742 | 32.3 |
| 6. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 23 | 735 | 32.0 |
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# Vazquez is Westfield men's basketball's little big man

**Matt Jardin**
Voice Reporter

Lee Vazquez is the Little Big Man of the Westfield State University men's basketball team.

Standing at only 5-6 the explosive point guard from Attleboro, Mass., is ranked 18th nationally in the NCAA Division III in scoring, averaging 21.3 points per game. He has been putting up some big numbers this season scoring more than 30 points in six games, including a career-high 41 vs. Worcester State.

Despite his small stature, Vazquez has the ability to score from anywhere. He attributes this to his jumping ability, outstanding quickness and the improvements he has made to his jump shot.

"I can score inside because of my cut step I get one foot out on my defender, and I'm there," said Vazquez.

Westfield State University veteran head coach Rich Sutter has high praise for his diminutive high-scoring junior guard.

"Lee is pound for pound the toughest I have coached," said Sutter. "The thing that keeps people at bay is his speed coupled with his jump shot, which makes for a tough combination. The reason he is effective scoring inside and outside is because he is always where the action is."

Vazquez's position requires him to be the leader of the team, and he willingly accepts the challenging role.

"I love having control of the ball. It just feels like everything slows down for me out there, and my teammates make it easy," said Vazquez.

"He's become a vocal leader whose energy is contagious. I don't know how he does it but he always has so much energy and never gets tired," said teammate and close friend Matt Devine, a 6-7 junior center who

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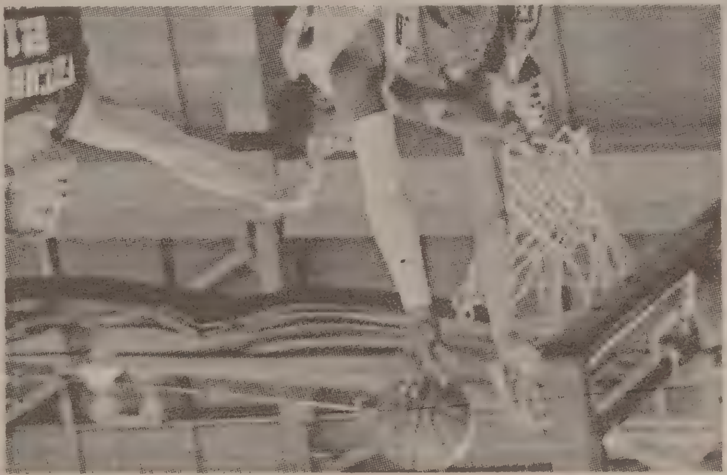

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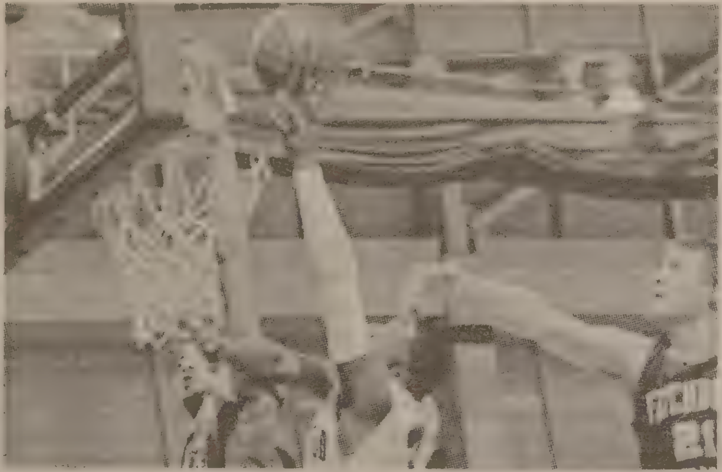

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In the second half Westfield separated itself from Fitchburg State, shooting over 50 percent from the field to run away with the game in front of the home crowd.

With intentions of keeping the game close, the Falcons desperately shot well-contested three-point shots all game, shooting 8-32 from deep for 32 percent.

Like most good teams do, the Westfield men got to the free throw line early and often, having 34 attempts in the contest, while shooting an impressive 73 percent from the charity strip.

In typical form to go along with his 14 points, junior Matt Devine claimed nine boards and four blocks. Westfield also had key contributions from Travis Nally, who came off the bench to score 12 points as he got to the free throw line at will.

Junior forward Ryan White continues to post consistent numbers on both ends of the floor with his eight points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Lee Vazquez led the Owls offense exceptionally well as usual, creating space in the open floor to find the open man with six assists.

Vazquez's scoring abilities have led to open opportunities for his teammates all season, and he has more than exploited that with his court awareness.

The men travel second seeded Bridgewater State in the MASCAC semifinals at 7:00 Thursday night. During the regular season the teams split the two games they played, both in close contests that came down to the end.

If history serves as any indication, this MASCAC semifinal is setting up to be a good one.

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# Owls fall to Bears in MASCAC men's basketball semifinals

*WSU Athletic Department*

Senior center Samuel Johnson and junior guard Anthony Fortes combined for 27 points as they helped lead second-seeded Bridgewater State to a thrilling 57-56 victory over third-seed Westfield State in the semifinals of the MASCAC Men's Basketball Tournament on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Tinsley Center.

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Johnson paced the hosts with 15 points as Fortes added 12 points, a contest-best six assists and five steals.

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Freshman forward Grant Cooper chipped in with 10 points and four helpers in 23 minutes of action.

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Over the next 57 seconds, the two squads combined for three turnovers and BSU missed a pair of free throws before Fortes snapped the tie with two free throws with 3:59 left.

Lofton came up huge for the Bears with block and a rebound to hold the visitors scoreless on their next two possessions, culminating with a thunderous dunk for the 55-51 advantage with 2:49 remaining.

Vazquez promptly responded with a trey to cut the deficit to one point, but then after a Fortes missed field goal, Johnson came up with a key offensive board to set up Lofton, who came up with another dunk. Junior guard Shawn Yard (Brockton, MA) set the table for both of Lofton's clutch scores.

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The hosts coughed up the ball four times in the final minute thanks in part to three swipes by Vazquez.

The Owls talented 5-6 guard also netted the final four points of the frame with a pair of free throws and a jump shot to make it a 24-20 score at the intermission.

The Owls shrugged off a porous performance from the floor in the opening period as they connected on just 7 of 27 field goal attempts to start off the game (26 percent).

The visitors finished shooting a blistering 54 percent (13-for-24) in the second period and they connected on four of six from beyond the arc.

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# Three men's basketball players honored

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*WSU Athletic Department*

Westfield State University juniors Lee Vazquez (Attleboro) and Matt Devine (Pembroke) were first-team selections and freshman Grant Cooper (Northampton) was named the rookie of the year on the 2011-2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's basketball all-conference team.

Vazquez had a breakout season for the Owls. The 5-6 guard from Attleboro poured in 577 points this season, the fourth most points scored in school history, in leading the MASCAC and ranking 22nd nationally with a 21.4 scoring average.

Vazquez has 985 career points heading into his senior year. Vazquez also was at the top of the charts in other categories.

He currently ranks first in the MASCAC and second nationally in steals per game (3.9) and leads the conference in 3-pointers made per game (2.7).

Vazquez ranks second in the conference in assists (3.8) and fourth in free throw shooting (.771), making a MASCAC-high 121 of 157 free throws.

Devine dominated the stingy Owl defense that team-wise currently ranks first in the nation in blocked shots (7.8) and field goal shooting defense (36 percent).

The 6-7 center ranks first in the NCAA Division III in blocked shots per game (4.8) as he shattered school single season (130) and career (260) records for blocked shots.

Devine also ranks second in the MASCAC and 21st nationally in rebounding (10.4 per game), 10th in assists (2.7) and 15th in scoring (12.7).

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WSU guard Lee Vazquez

He has 940 career points as he and Vazquez should surpass the magic milestone of 1,000 points early next season.

Cooper steadily improved as the season progressed for the 16-11 Owls.

The hard-working 6-4 forward averaged 10.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game and currently ranks third in the MASCAC in field goal shooting percentage (.531).

He is sixth in the MASCAC in steals (2.0) and ninth in assists (2.9) per game.

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# Men's basketball pulls out last second victory over MCLA

**Matt Jardin**
Voice Reporter

In the final seconds of Tuesday night's game, the Westfield State University men's basketball team beat the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Blazers 69-68.

Westfield was down by five late in the game, 68-63, but went on a 6-0 run to close the game.

Westfield's last play of the game was meant to be a high pick-and-roll in which junior point guard Lee Vazquez would have had the last shot. However, Vazquez was caught in a trap by two MCLA defenders so he lobbed the ball to freshman Grant Cooper.

"I didn't think I had enough time so I was going to put up a floater, then I saw Matt open down low," said Cooper.

Cooper passed the ball to Matt Devine underneath the basket and Devine put up an easy layup that put Westfield up by one with only three-tenths of a second left for MCLA to work with.

"Coop told me that if he got the ball he was giving it to me no matter what," said Devine.

Cooper was the leading scorer for Westfield. He put up 16 points and also had 10 rebounds, giving him a double-double.

"I have been working hard, and it was great to see my hard work pay off," said Cooper. Cooper also added five assists and three blocked shots in the win.

"It was the best game Coop had all season," said Westfield State head coach Rich Sutter.

Junior center Matt Devine, who leads the NCAA Division III in blocked shots, also scored 16 points, but said he was unhappy with his game.

"I honestly didn't play that well," Devine said. "My defense wasn't very good, and I missed a lot of my free throws."

Devine only had one block in the game, but he has been averaging five a game this season. He also contributed nine rebounds and seven assists, and in the end, he did hit the game winner.

Westfield scored the last six points of the game to close out the win. After Travis Nally hit a three-pointer that brought Westfield closer, MCLA would get their last three points before Westfield got three straight buckets to win by one.

MCLA kept Vazquez quite for the whole game. He was only able to get 11 points, which is well under his average of 22.2 per game. Vazquez had five steals, but gave the ball up seven times.

He wasn't the only one on his team giving the ball away though, as three of his teammates had four turnovers each.

MCLA racked up 16 steal in the game, most of which came from Tyrell Mosley. Chris Harris led MCLA with 19 points, followed by Vernon Cross who had 14

Westfield has not been playing their best basketball as of late according to coach Sutter. "We have definitely been struggling lately," said coach Sutter, "We take too many fouls, but I think we showed some improvement in that department tonight."

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*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Grant Cooper (32) is congratulated by Travis Nally (10) and Scott Gilmore following Westfield's dramatic buzzer beating victory over MCLA.

Westfield had 20 personal fouls, but MCLA only hit 47.6 percent of their free throws while Westfield hit 61.5 percent of theirs.

Westfield left the game with a 14-9 record (6-4 MASCAC record) on the season while MCLA fell to 7-15 (4-5 MASCAC record).

Westfield's next game will be played at the Woodward Center on Tuesday, Feb. 14th vs. Framingham State at 7:30 p.m. It will be the Owls final home game of the regular season.

Westfield is currently in 3rd place in the conference, right behind Bridgewater and Salem who are tied for first.

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# Nationally Ranked Amherst Tops Westfield State

SPRINGFIELD – The Amherst College men's basketball team held off a spirited rally by Westfield State to topple the Owls, 79-62, in the Pioneer Valley Classic on Saturday afternoon at SC's Blake Arena.

The Lord Jeffs, who are currently ranked third in the nation, improve to 6-0 on the season, while the Owls drop to 5-2.

Amherst was once again led by sophomore guard Aaron Toomey (Greensboro, N.C.) with 20 points. Three others scored in double figures for the Lord Jeffs. They included junior guard Willy Workman (Northampton, Mass.) with 16, senior guard Taylor Barrise (Allendale, N.J.) with 14, and senior guard/forward David Waller (Tampa, Fla.) with 10. Workman also had a game-high 10 rebounds and three assists.

Westfield State was led by junior guard Lee Vazquez (Attleboro, R.I.) with 25 points. He also had seven rebounds, three assists, and four steals. The only other double-figure scorer for the Owls included 6-7 junior center Matt Devine (Pembroke, Mass.) with 11 points. Devine also had two blocks.

The Lord Jeffs raced out to an early 14-4 lead after Toomey buried a deep three at the 16:02 mark. An inside bucket by senior center Ryan DeLosa (Leeds, N.Y.) brought the Owls within six just under a minute later, But Amherst proved to be too strong as they blew open the game with a 15-2 run over the next seven-plus minutes to take a 29-10 lead.

The Lord Jeffs, who were able to turn 14 Westfield State turnovers into 19 points, went into the locker room up 24, 46-22.

*Westfield's Lee Vazquez signals to a teammate during action in the Pioneer Valley Classic this weekend. Vazquez scored 25 points in a 79-62 loss to nationally ranked Amherst College.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

## WSU WINTER PREVIEW

# Owls on track for another titl

By CHRIS PUTZ
*Staff Writer*

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University men's indoor cross-cross country team has not lost in head coach Sean O'Brien's 12 seasons. The Owls have won nearly every MASCAC championship since former coach Jerry Gavel started the program four decades ago.

That winning attitude is also prevalent on the women's team, which has collected all but one MASCAC title in the last 12 years.

So it should come as no surprise that the Westfield State men's and women's cross-country teams are the pre-season favorite to hoist the trophy again. The selection is made through a vote of league coaches.

On the men's side, Westfield State captured all four first-place votes to amass 16 points and outdistance runner-up Fitchburg State, which collected 10 points.

Zach Medeiros, of Southwick, with a year behind him, came on strong last season and became the team's number one sprinter. By the end of 2011, his times in the 55 meters and 200 meters dropped to 6.6 and 22.5, respectively.

"Zach is still learning the different phases in sprints," O'Brien told the Westfield News. "It took him a full year to figure it out."

Medeiros, along with mid-distance runner Brendan Corcoran (Walpole), leading shot-putter Justin Ehrhardt (Stoneham), and long-

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*WSU's Lee Vaquez against Southern Vermont.* (Photo courtesy of WSU)

*Westfield State and Salem State go head-to-head in a men's basketball MASCAC t ment semifinal game last season at James Twohig Gymnasium. The Owls, who were nated by Salem, start anew this season.*

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# Devine and Vazquez lead men's basketball to 6-2 start

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

While the 12-15 record of Westfield's men's basketball team last season was not the best, the team gained important experience that is set to pay big dividends this season.

With only two players lost to graduation last year, many key players from last year's team returned this season including captains Matt Devine and Lee Vazquez.

With Vazquez leading the charge offensively and Devine being a force on the defensive side of the ball, the Owls are 6-2 to start the 2011-2012 season.

Vazquez, a 5-foot-6 junior guard from Rhode Island, has been a scoring machine so far this season.

In seven games so far this year, (as of Dec. 4) Vazquez has been lighting it up for 26 points a game, as well as shooting 39 percent from three-point range.

His offensive leadership has been vital in keeping Westfield in many games this season.

In last Saturday's 79-62 loss against number three-ranked Amherst College, Vazquez had 25 points along with seven rebounds and three assists.

Another important statistic that Vazquez has shown so far is his ability to stay out of foul trouble, having played in almost every second of every game so far.

While Vazquez is the leader on offense, on defense 6-foot-7 Matt Devine holds annual block parties every game.

The junior center recently broke the school record for most blocked shots, which was previously held by Russell Thompson of the class of 1987 with 139.

Devine has 172 blocks and counting for his career at Westfield and still has another year left of eligibility. This season he is averaging five blocks along with 12 points and 10 boards per game.

Like Vazquez he has also scored in double figures against Amherst with 11 points and two blocks.

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Westfield improved to 6-2 with a 71-48 victory over Western New England on Tuesday night.

In Westfield's most recent victory, a 71-48 win over Western New England on Tuesday night, Vazquez and Devine once again led the charge for the Owls.

Vazquez finished with 20 points, six assists and six steals while Devine added a 12 point, 12 rebound double-double to go along with seven blocked shots.

Freshman forward Grant Cooper collected 12 points, four assists and three steals while junior guard Travis Nally added 13 points.

Though coach Rich Sutter must be happy with his team's fast start this season, he needs to see more consistent production out of some of his other players like Cooper and Nally.

Cooper averages almost nine points a game and Nally scores six a game.

If Cooper and Nally along with key bench players like Marcellus Lee and Carl Stewart can step up, then the Owls should be a force this season in the MASCAC.

Westfield is set to play in two tournaments during the winter semester break.

WSU will first play in the Daytona Beach Shootout in Florida on December 19 and 20 and then take part in the Trinity College Tournament in Hartford, CT on December 29 and 30.

Following the break, he Owls begin MASCAC play on January 7 with a home game against Salem State at .

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# Balanced attack powers men's basketball to win over Rams

**Mickey Curtis and Matt Jardin**

Junior center Matt Devine (Pembroke) led Westfield State University's balanced attack with game highs of 19 points, 13 rebounds and five blocked shots to lead the Owls to a hard-earned 73-52 Senior Night victory over Framingham State University on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Westfield is 15-9 overall and 7-4 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) with one regular season game remaining, this Saturday at Fitchburg State. Framingham concludes the regular season 9-16 and 3-9.

Westfield outscored Framingham, 51-30, in the second half after a horrific first half in which the teams battled to a 22-22 draw. There were more rebounds (45) than points scored in the first half as the teams shot a combined 26 percent (16-for-61).

Devine only had two points, five rebounds and a block in the first half, but he picked up the pace in the second half with 17 points, eight boards and five rejections.

"I felt I was really in rhythm offensively," said Devine. "Coach (Rich Sutter) told me to keep my confidence up and that's what I tried to do. I really just tried to get to the basket.

"I stayed out of foul trouble (one personal) in the first half which allowed me to be more aggressive in the second half going for blocks," added Devine, who leads the NCAA Division III nationally in blocked shots per game (5.0).

The Owls dramatically improved offensively in the second half, shooting 50 percent from the field, while they limited the Rams to 29 percent field goal shooting the entire game. The Owls' defensive effort comes as no surprise as they lead the nation in blocked shots per game (7.8) and field goal shooting defense (36 percent). They blocked 10 Framingham shots, including six in the second half.

"We really preach defense during practice; we had good fullcourt defense and we relied on Matty for some blocks," said assistant coach John Gingras. "We changed it up a lot defensively. we left Framingham off balance."

"The pressure and steals gave us great transition; we were really aggressive," said Devine of Westfield's second-half play. "We were really just in control."

Westfield began its second-half assault when high-scoring junior guard Lee Vazquez drained a three-ball from the deep corner for a 35-27 lead with 15:38 remaining. Westfield led 44-36 at the 11:14 then went on a 10-0 run over the next three minutes to take a commanding 54-36 lead.

"Lee hit a big three in the corner which really gave us a boost and the defense just kept playing consistently well," Gingras said.

Three other Owls besides Devine charted impressive statistics. The 5-6 Vazquez, ranked 18th nationally in scoring (21.7) and second in steals per game (3.9), finished with 12 points, eight rebounds, three assists and seven steals.

Junior forward Ryan White posted a double-double with 13 points and 13 boards and freshman forward Grant Cooper racked up 18 points, seven rebounds, five assists and two steals.

"I started off slow on offense so I focused on my defense," said Cooper. "In the second half we got the ball moving pretty well and everyone was scoring pretty easily."

The Owls only shot 38 percent from the field (27-72) for the game, but they did shoot well from the foul line, canning 16 of 19 free throws.

Tyrone Figueroa led the Rams with 16 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals. Andre Santana tied for game-high honors with 19 points. While Westfield had four players in double figures, Framingham's third leading scorer only had four points.

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# Westfield falls in Daytona Beach shootout

## *Scranton overcomes late deficit for 61-56 victory*

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – For the second straight night, The University of Scranton (Pa.) men's basketball team overcame a late deficit to pull out a victory at the Daytona Beach Shootout.

Scranton erased a five-point deficit with three minutes remaining to defeat Westfield State University, 61-56, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, behind a 16-point effort from junior guard Travis Farrell (Middletown, NJ/Christian Brothers Academy) and 12 points from senior forward and all-tournament selection Matt Swaback (Kingston, Pa./Wyoming Seminary).

Scranton, which overcame an 8-point deficit to defeat North Central College (Ill.) Monday evening, 64-62, enters the holiday break with a 6-4 record. The loss drops the Owls to 7-4.

And similar to the North Central win, the Royals clamped down defensively when they needed it most, outscoring the Owls 11-1 over the final 4:54. After Owl freshman forward Grant Cooper (Northampton, Mass./Northampton) hit one of two free throws with 2:30 left to make it 56-52, Scranton took control the rest of the way, starting with two big plays by Swaback.

*Daytona Beach Shootout all-tournament selection Lee Vazquez.*

He tied the game with 2:11 remaining by knocking down a 3-pointer, drawing a foul on the play, and converting the free throw for a four-point play. On Scranton's next possession after an Owl turnover, Swaback gave the Royals their first lead by tipping in a missed shot by senior guard Dan Hilferty (Ardmore, Pa./Episcopal Academy) with 1:14 left.

Westfield then turned the ball over again and missed three 3-pointers in the final 30 seconds as Scranton countered with a free throw by Farrell and two more by freshman guard Ross Danzigd (Clarks Green, Pa./Abington Heights/Blair Academy-NJ) to seal the victory. Danzig finished with nine points, seven steals, four rebounds, and four assists.

Junior guard and all-tournament selection Lee Vazquez (Attleboro, Mass./Woonsocket-RI) led Westfield State with 15 points and Cooper finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Royals will return to action on Monday, January 2, against former Freedom Conference rival Wilkes University in the first Cross-County Challenge to be held at the Insalaco Arena on the campus of Marywood University in Scranton beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Westfield is idle until Dec. 29 when it plays Rivier (N.H.) College in the opening round of the Trinity College tournament in Hartford, Conn. Tip-off is 5:00 p.m.

NOTES: The tightly contested game featured five lead changes and seven ties… Vazquez gave Westfield its biggest lead, 48-40, when he drained one of his three 3-point baskets made with 10:40 remaining…Scranton is 2-2 in its last four games, and all four have been decided by a total of 11 points…the Royals pressured the Owls into 20 turnovers and held them to 41.3 percent shooting from the field…Scranton shot only 38.5 percent from the field but did connect on 15 of 22 free throw attempts (68.2 percent).

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Following three ties and a pair of lead changes to start off the first half, the Bears went on an 11-2 surge to lead 15-8 with 8:12 left. Senior center Marcellus Lee (Quincy, MA) and Vazquez combined for five points to slice the advantage to 15-13, but the hosts used a 9-3 push to open up a 24-16 game with 1:10 left.

The hosts coughed up the ball four times in the final minute thanks in part to three swipes by Vazquez.

The Owls talented 5-6 guard also netted the final four points of the frame with a pair of free throws and a jump shot to make it a 24-20 score at the intermission.

The Owls shrugged off a porous performance from the floor in the opening period as they connected on just 7 of 27 field goal attempts to start off the game (26 percent).

The visitors finished shooting a blistering 54 percent (13-for-24) in the second period and they connected on four of six from beyond the arc.

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# Three men's basketball players honored

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Westfield State University juniors Lee Vazquez (Attleboro) and Matt Devine (Pembroke) were first-team selections and freshman Grant Cooper (Northampton) was named the rookie of the year on the 2011-2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's basketball all-conference team.

Vazquez had a breakout season for the Owls. The 5-6 guard from Attleboro poured in 577 points this season, the fourth most points scored in school history, in leading the MASCAC and ranking 22nd nationally with a 21.4 scoring average.

Vazquez has 985 career points heading into his senior year. Vazquez also was at the top of the charts in other categories.

He currently ranks first in the MASCAC and second nationally in steals per game (3.9) and leads the conference in 3-pointers made per game (2.7).

Vazquez ranks second in the conference in assists (3.8) and fourth in free throw shooting (.771), making a MASCAC-high 121 of 157 free throws.

Devine dominated the stingy Owl defense that team-wise currently ranks first in the nation in blocked shots (7.8) and field goal shooting defense (36 percent).

The 6-7 center ranks first in the NCAA Division III in blocked shots per game (4.8) as he shattered school single season (130) and career (260) records for blocked shots.

Devine also ranks second in the MASCAC and 21st nationally in rebounding (10.4 per game), 10th in assists (2.7) and 15th in scoring (12.7).

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WSU guard Lee Vazquez

He has 940 career points as he and Vazquez should surpass the magic milestone of 1,000 points early next season.

Cooper steadily improved as the season progressed for the 16-11 Owls.

The hard-working 6-4 forward averaged 10.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game and currently ranks third in the MASCAC in field goal shooting percentage (.531).

He is sixth in the MASCAC in steals (2.0) and ninth in assists (2.9) per game.

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*Lee Vazquez has no fear of attacking the basket against much taller opponents.* (Photo spartansportshots.com)

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*Lee Vazquez has worked hard to improve his shooting.* (Photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

*Westfield State University's Lee Vazquez displays his quickness in the paint.* (Photo by David Harris-Fried)

# Vazquez Is Westfield's Little Big Man

**By MATT JARDIN**
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WESTFIELD – Lee Vazquez is the Little Big Man of the Westfield State University men's basketball team.

Standing at only 5-6 the explosive point guard from Attleboro, Mass., is ranked 18th nationally in the NCAA Division III in scoring, averaging 21.3 points per game. He has been putting up some big numbers this season scoring more than 30 points in six games, including a career-high 41 vs. Worcester State.

Despite his small stature, Vazquez has the ability to score from anywhere. He attributes

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this to his jumping ability, outstanding quickness and the improvements he has made to his jump shot.

"I can score inside because of my cut step I get one foot out on my defender, and I'm there," said Vazquez.

Westfield State University veteran head coach Rich Sutter has high praise for his diminutive high-scoring junior guard.

"Lee is pound for pound the toughest I have coached," said Sutter. "The thing that keeps people at bay is his speed coupled with his jump shot, which makes for a tough combination. The reason he is effective scoring inside and outside is because he is always where the action is."

Vazquez's position requires him to be the leader of the team, and he willingly accepts the challenging role.

"I love having control of the ball. It just feels like everything slows down for me out there, and my teammates make it easy," said Vazquez.

"He's become a vocal leader whose energy is contagious. I don't know how he does it but he always has so much energy and never gets tired," said teammate and close friend Matt Devine, a 6-7 junior center who leads the NCAA Division III in blocked shots. "Lee does a great job of leading by example with his work ethic and the amount of time he puts into becoming a better player."

Vazquez's first year at Westfield was rocky. "Lee had some issues freshman year," said Sutter. However, he did show signs of his potential his rookie campaign, including a game vs. Worcester State in which he racked up 23 points, five assists, three steals and nine rebounds.

Vazquez's knack for putting the ball in the basket has dramatically improved. He shot 30 percent from the field his freshman year and 35 percent his sophomore season. This year he is shooting 42 percent from the field, 35 percent from 3-point range and 77 percent from the foul line.

Here's an incredible illustration of his progress. He scored 99 points his freshman year but in a three-game stretch early this season he exploded for an even 100 points.

Vazquez scored 309 points his sophomore season and currently has 511 points this year. Furthermore, he ranks second nationally in steals per game (4.0) and is averaging 4.7 rebounds and 3.8 assists.

"I worked on my game all summer. I worked with Devine in the gym constantly," said Vazquez. "This season is the first I really feel like I have a complete game. It's all working for me, my jump shot, ball handling, and cut step. Everything's coming together…"

Vazquez's talents, work ethic and coachability make him one of the premiere players in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) and New England.

"With Lee it's always, "Yes sir, yes sir," no matter what I tell him," said Sutter.

Like all outstanding players, Vazquez simply does not like to fail.

"I listen to Drake and Lil' Wayne a lot in the locker room," he said. "Their music just relates to me and some of my failures in the past. It gets me mad; I know how failure feels and don't want to feel it again."

His drive to become a better player can be summed up with something he says to himself often: "I know I'm pretty good, but how good can I become?"

Interestingly, Vazquez began playing organized basketball later than most. Plus, his family was always on the move. Vazquez lived in Woonsocket, R.I., in junior high school, Orlando, Fla., in ninth grade, and Holyoke, Mass., in 10th grade, then headed back to Woonsocket.

Vazquez was a good player on successful Woonsocket, R.I., High School teams his junior and senior years, but the college coaches were not contacting him. Bridgewater State University showed some interest, but Vazquez stressed that Westfield State was the only college to actively recruit him and watch him play.

"I didn't play an organized game of basketball until I was a freshman in high school. I was always a baseball player," said Vazquez. "Everyone in my community (in Florida) played basketball, so I thought I'd try it out. I loved it right from the start."

But basketball did not like him at the start. "When I first began playing, I remember going up for an open layup and I completely missed," Vazquez said. He was told by the other players "you better work on your game son," so that is what he did.

"The gym near my house almost never closed. It was open all day until 10 p.m. and then it would open up again from midnight until 3 a.m.," said Vazquez. "I was always in there shooting around with my best friend…"

The energetic 21-year-old said that he g
his work ethic from his parents.

"We moved around a lot when I was a ki
he said. "I am one of three kids. It was tou
on my parents. I try to be a role model for
younger brother and sister. I don't want to f
them or set a bad example."

With his talents and his determination
make himself a better player, Vazquez seek
bright future in basketball.

"I would love to play in the Puerto Ri
league after I graduate," said Vazquez. "E
wherever I go I plan to make a name
myself. All I need is my chance, and I
there."

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*Matt Devine leads the NCAA Division III in blocked shots.*

# Devine Named MASCAC Player Of Week

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University's Matt Devine has been named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) co-player of the week.

The 6-7 junior center from Pembroke, Mass., posted some big numbers in last week's two games. He had 16 points, 16 rebounds and five blocked shots in an 81-59 victory over Worcester State. He ripped down a career-high 21 rebounds, along with 15 points and six blocks, in a 68-59 setback to first place Bridgewater State.

Devine is averaging 12.1 points and 10.5 rebounds per game for the 13-9 Owls, who host Western Mass. rival MCLA on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30. He continues to lead the NCAA Division III in blocked shots, with 111 rejections in 22 games for a 5.04 average.

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# Westfield State upends Emmanuel, 85-73

## *Vazquez, Devine, Lee lead Owls to Tournament Title*

BOSTON, Mass. – Junior guard Lee Vazquez (Attleboro, Mass.) netted a team-high 21 points, along with nine rebounds, eight assists and two steals, to lead the Westfield State University men's basketball team past Emmanuel College, 85-73, Saturday evening, Nov. 19, in the championship game of the 2011 Saints Invitational tournament.

For his efforts, Vazquez was named the tournament MVP, averaging 19.5 points, 9.0 rebounds, 7.0 assists and 2.5 steals over the two tournament games. The Owls improve to 2-0 while the Saints drop to 1-1.Senior center Marcellus Lee (Quincy, Mass.) finished the contest with 18 points while junior center Matt Devine (Pembroke, Mass.) contributed a double-double with 16 points and game-high 14 rebounds. Lee and Devine were selected to the all-tournament team.

The Saints never led ias the Owls used a strong shooting attack of 54% (32-59) from the field, including a sizzling 64 percent in the first half, to capture their first Saints

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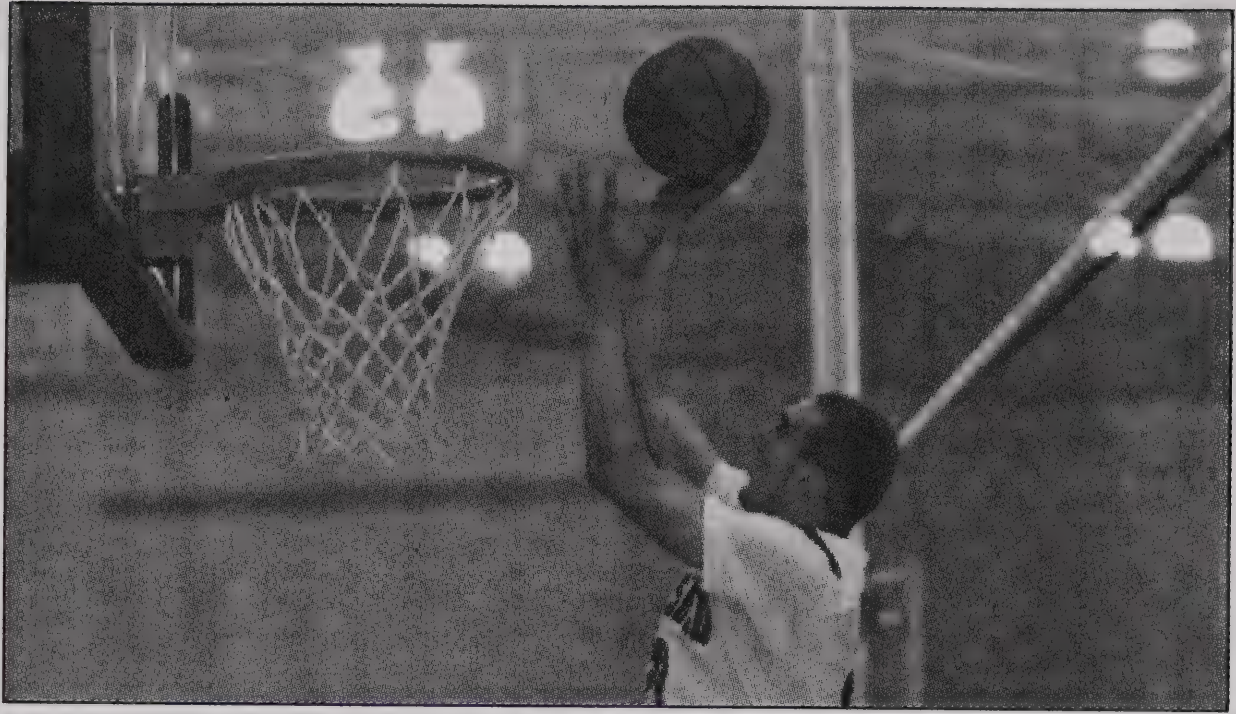
# Vikings Top Owls In Key MASCAC Game, 77-67

SALEM – Justin Nieves (Lawrence, MA) led four players in double figures to pace Salem State past Westfield State, 77-67, Saturday afternoon at Twohig Gymnasium in a battle of MASCAC co-leaders.

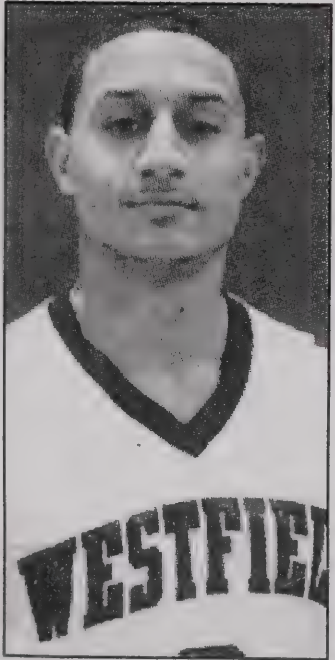
The Vikings maintained a share of first place and improved to 12-7 overall, 5-2 in league play. Westfield State fell to 12-8, 4-3.

Nieves finished with 19 points in 25 minutes, as the Vikings nearly led wire-to-wire. Nate Simpson had 16 points, while Tavone Wynder had 15 points and Brian Clark (Deerfield, MA) had 14 points and eight rebounds.

The Vikings trailed briefly in the opening minute of the game, but used an 8-0 run to take the lead for good, 10-3, thanks to consecutive threes by Simpson and Nieves.



*Matt Devine posted game highs of 22 points and 12 rebounds vs. Salem. He scored 20 of his points in the second half.* **(File photo by www.spartansportshots.com)**



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The Owls cut the deficit to one, but a 12-2 spurt, fueled by a pair of threes from Wynder, put the Vikings up by 11, 22-11. Westfield State was able to stay close the rest of the half due to its free throw disparity, as the Owls were 12-16 from the line in the opening 20 minutes, compared to Salem State, which was 3-5. The Viking lead was 34-31 at intermission.

The Owls scored the first hoop of the second half to cut the deficit to one. Nieves' three put Salem State ahead by four, and he hit another from downtown four minutes later to increase the Viking advantage to 11, 49-38.

Matt Devine single-handedly kept Westfield in the game, as he scored 16 of the Owls' first 20 points of the half. His three brought Westfield to within 58-51, but Nieves hit four straight free throws and Dan Clark (Deerfield, MA) had an athletic reverse layup to increase the bulge back to 11, 64-53, with six minutes left.

A 6-0 run by Westfield State, led by a pair of Lee Vasquez jumpers brought the Owls back to within five, but Simpson's three with just over a minute remaining put the Vikings ahead 71-63 and ended any hopes of a comeback.

Devine finished with 22, all but two coming in the second half, as well as 12 rebounds. Lee Vasquez had 15, but was hampered by foul trouble in the second half. Grant Cooper (Northampton, MA) had 13 points, and Ryan DeLosa finished with 12 points and seven boards.

The Vikings travel to MCLA on Tuesday night while the Owls are back in action the same night hosting Worcester State at 7:30. The Owls play four of their final five MASCAC regular season games at home, including a home game vs. Bridgewater State on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 3:00.

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# Bridgewater Bounces Westfield State University, 68-59

## *Cold Shooting Owls Unable To Overcome 20-Point Second-Half Deficit*

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior guard Anthony Fortes posted games highs of 23 points and five assists, and senior center Samuel Johnson had 14 points and 11 rebounds to lead Bridgewater State University to a 68-59 victory over Westfield State University in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's basketball on Saturday.

Bridgewater remains in first place in the MASCAC with a 7-2 record and is 12-8 overall. Westfield, which won at Bridgewater, 66-64, earlier this season, is 13-9 and 5-4.

The Bears held a 36-23 halftime lead over the poor shooting Owls (17 percent from the field in the first half) and took its biggest lead of 20 points, 51-31, on a Fortes jumper with 12:47 remaining.

But Westfield, sparked by its determined defense, went on an 11-0 later in the half to pull to within eight points, 59-51, with 3:51 remaining.

Johnson then drained two free throws for his only second-half points to put the Bears back on top, 61-51, at the 3:25 mark. The Owls closed to within eight again, 63-55, at 2:02, but the Bears executed offensively in the final two minutes.

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*Matt Devine had a career high 21 rebounds vs. Bridgewater. The nation's leading shot blocker also had six blocks and a team-high 15 points.* (Photo by www.spartansportshots.com)

Westfield led early 9-8, but Bridgewater began taking control with an 8-0 run for a 16-9 lead. The Bears led 21-18 at the 5:57 mark then went on to outscore the cold-shooting Owls 15-5 the remainder of the first half. Johnson scored seven points during the key run in the final six minutes of the first half and Fortes tallied five.

Bridgewater only shot 35 percent from the field (Westfield leads the nation in field goal shooting defense), including an 8-for-28 effort (28 percent) in the second half. But the Bears shot 66 percent from the foul lin
for-38) while Westfield only shot 56 p
(19-for-34).

Fortes also had a team-high three steal
senior guard Corey Ryser scored 10 p
all in second half.

The Owls were led by 6-7 junior
Matt Devine , who scored a team-hi
points and racked up a career-hig
rebounds and a game-high six blocks. D
leads the NCAA Division III in blocked
per game (5.0).

Westfield high-scoring junior guar
Vazquez was guarded closely and held
points. Entering the game, the explosi
guard ranked 14th nationally in scoring
and poured in a career-high 41 points thi
Tuesday in a win over Worcester.

Vazquez was limited to six points
first half and in foul trouble during the s
half. He did have a game-high eight
despite playing only 28 minutes.

The Owls received solid bench play
senior forwards Marcellus Lee and Stein
Renaud who finished with nine and
points, respectively, and helped
Westfield's second-half comeback.

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# Westfield State Men Best Bridgewater State, 66-6

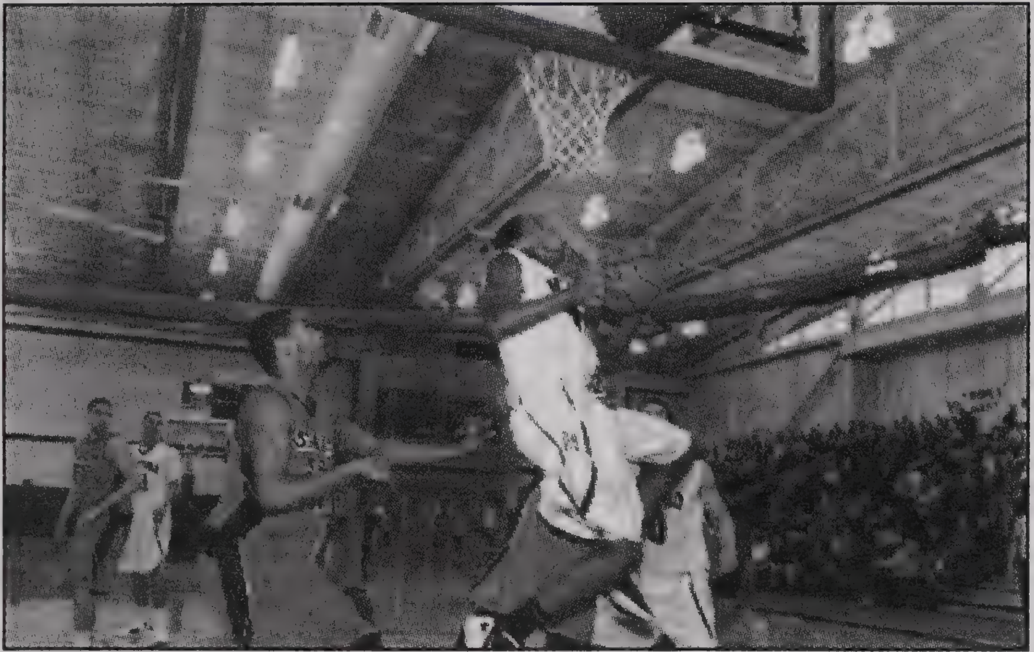
## *Freshman Grant Cooper Scores Game-Winning Basket In Final Seconds*

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – Freshman forward Grant Cooper of Northampton hit the game-winning layup with 1.8 seconds left to lift the visiting Westfield State University Owls to a 66-64 MASCAC men's basketball victory over the Bridgewater State University Bears on Saturday afternoon at the Tinsley Center.

Westfield improves to 10-6 on the season and 2-1 in the MASCAC, while Bridgewater falls to 6-7 overall and 2-1 in conference play.

With the score tied at 62-62 and the clock winding down, a Lee Vazquez jumper gave the Owls the lead with just 30 seconds left to play. Bridgewater senior forward Anthony Fortes drained a clutch jumper at the other end of the floor to knot the game at 64-64 with 10 seconds remaining. That set up the game-winning score as Vazquez found a wide open Cooper under the basket who easily dropped in the layup to give the Owls the dramatic win.

Bridgewater erased a late 14-point first half deficit as the Bears scored the final three points of the opening stanza to cut the deficit to 41-30 at the intermission. Bridgewater carried that momentum into the second half as the Bears outscored the Owls, 16-5, over the first six minutes of the second stanza to tie the score at 46-46. Neither team led by more than four points the rest of the way.



*Freshman Grant Cooper, shown in last Saturday's home game vs. Salem, hit the game-winning layup at Bridgewater.* (Photo by www.spartansportshots.com)

There were eight ties and six lead changes in the game including five ties in the second half.

Cooper paced Owls with 14 points, six rebounds, four assists and two steals. Vaz added 13 points, six assists and two bl while junior center Matt Devine post double-double with 12 points and 11 b while also blocking six shots.

The Bears had four players in doubl ures with Fortes leading the way with a and season-high 27 points. Fortes also a four boards, five assists and three s Senior center Samuel Johnson registe double-double with 15 points and 10 rebc while also recording a season and game seven steals. Senior guard Corey chipped in with 10 points, four assists pair of steals, while freshman forward Mi Lofton came off the bench to notch a do double with 12 points and 10 caroms b fouling out.

Westfield shot 49 percent (23-47) fro floor and blocked 12 shots led by De six. The Owls entered the game ranked f Division III in both blocked shots per (7.5) and field goal defense (34.7 per while Devine leads all of Division blocks (5.1 per game). Bridgewater con ed on just 36 percent (24-67) of its field attempts but the Bears forced 22 turn which led to 14 points.

In upcoming action, Bridgewater hosts conference foe Trinity College on Tu night at 7:00. Westfield travels to MAS foe MCLA on Tuesday at 7:30.

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# Framingham Bounces Back To Defeat Westfield

## *Teams Combine For 65 Fouls, 80 Free Throws In Rams' 73-69 Win*

FRAMINGHAM. – Freshman forward Andre Santana (Worcester, Mass.) led four Rams in double figures as the Framingham State University men's basketball team overcame a 13-point first half deficit to defeat conference leader Westfield State 73-69 in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's basketball action on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The Rams improve to 7-11 on the season and 1-5 in the MASCAC, while the Owls slide to 11-7 overall and 3-2 in conference.

Westfield State controlled the game early taking a 7-0 lead just under three minutes in and extended its lead to 15-4 12:41 with left in the first. The Owls capitalized on five Ram turnovers in the opening minutes and took advantage of the Rams poor shooting as they hit 1-of their first-6 from the field.

The Owls maintained the lead and took the game's largest advantage – 13 points – midway through half on a jumper from senior center Marcellus Lee (Quincy, Mass.)., but the Rams chipped away at the lead and pulled within three (36-33) in the closing minute on a pair of lay-ins from sophomores Yemi Ajoa (Randolph, Mass.) and Tyrone Figueroa (Revere, Mass.).

The Owls opened the second half with buckets from junior Matt Devine (Pembroke, Mass.) and Lee before a three from junior Rico DePaolis and a Jamie Henderson (Duncanville, TX) free throw cut the Rams deficit to two (40-38).

The game would be tied four times over the next seven minutes, but each time the Owls would retake a small lead.

Trailing by one (50-49), the Rams finally took their first lead of the game on an Allen Saint-Surin (Brockton, Mass.) jumper in the paint with 8:42 remaining that started the hosts on a 10-2 run. The run was capped by back-to-back lay-ups from Santana that gave the Rams a 59-52 lead with 5:47 left in the game.

The Owls pulled within four on a Devine bucket in the paint with 2:37 remaining, but the Rams answered with a three from freshman guard Ryan Putney (Burlington, Mass.) to push the advantage back to seven (66-59) with 1:27 left. A slew of fouls were called on both teams in the final minute of action and the Rams went 7-for-8 from the line to seal the win.

The game was physical throughout with each team having four players foul out and a total of 80 free throws were taken in the game. The Owls only shot 52.3% (23-44) from the line for the game, while the Rams shot 22-of-36 (61.1%).

Santana led all scorers with a game-high 14 points on 5-of-13 shooting from the field to go along with seven boards. Putney scored a career-high 13 points including sinking 8-of-10 from the line, while Figueroa and Ajoa each finished with 12.

The Owls were led by Devine and freshman Grant Cooper (Northampton, Mass.) who tallied 13 points apiece. Cooper had eight boards and three assists to go along with his 13, while Lee finished with nine points.

The Rams return to action on Tuesday evening when they travel to Colby-Sawyer at 7 p.m., while the Owls host Fitchburg State on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

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# Vazquez explodes for 39 points

## *Westfield Routs Fitchburg, 84-39*

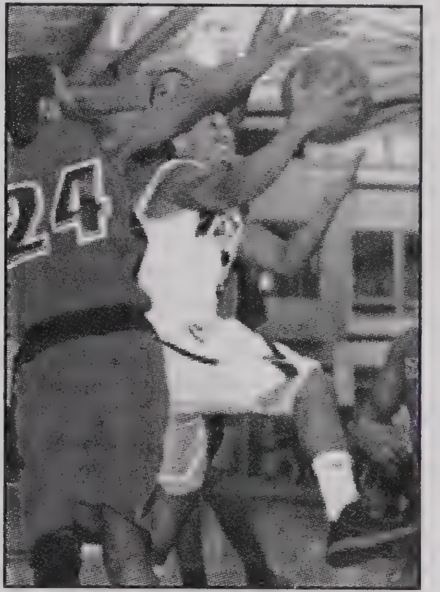
WESTFIELD, Mass. – Junior guard Lee Vazquez had a career high 39 points, along with game highs of four assists and five steals, to power Westfield State University to an 84-59 men;s basketball victory over Fitchburg State on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The Owls improve to 12-7 overall and 4-2 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. Fitchburg is 9-8 and 1-5.

Vazquez, who scored 19 points to stake the Owls to a 35-28 halftime lead, credited his hard-working teammates with helping him achieve the big scoring output.

"We were just playing as a team," said the 5-6 guard from Attleboro. "We played hard and we came out with a big game. We want the team to keep winning at home."

Vazquez was 15 for 27 from the field, 5 for 10 from 3-point range, and 4 for 7 from the foul line. Despite his spectacular scoring display, his biggest play of the game came with 13:00 remaining when he lobbed a perfect pass from beyond the 3-point arc on the right wing to junior forward Ryan White, who slammed it home for a resounding dunk to give the Owls a 54-30 lead.



*The smallest player on the court at 5-6, Lee Vazquez can score both inside and outside for the Owls.* **(Photo by www.spartansportshots.com)**

"It's a play we have been working on and trying out in practice. I saw Ryan open and I went for it," said Vazquez. "It is great to have (Ryan) back (after his injuries). He is a great basketball mind to have on the court."

The Owls never trailed as Vazquez warmed up quickly with a 3-pointer 11 seconds into the game. Westfield led by as many as 13 points in the first half.

Led by the scoring of Vazquez and freshman Grant Cooper (16 points, 6 rebounds), Westfield pulled away quickly in the second half. Vazquez drained a 3-ball for a 50-30 lead with 15:28 remaining. They led by 26 points, 63-37, at the 9:35 mark.

Vazquez and Cooper were the only players in double figures. Junior center Matt Devine, who leads the nation in blocked shots, only scored three points, but the 6-7 force ripped down 16 rebounds and blocked seven shots; he also had four assists and four steals. White finished with eight points and seven boards.

The Owls, who lead the nation in field goal shooting defense, held Fitchburg to 29 percent shooting from the field. The Falcons committed 21 turnovers.

"We just want to keep winning and move up to first place," said Vazquez. "We still need to play better defense and take more charges."

Zach Valliere posted a double-double for Fitchburg with team highs of 17 points and 11 rebounds. Brandon Selby scored 12 points.

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# Westfield Hosts Salem In MASCAC Opener

The Westfield State University men's basketball team begins conference play on Saturday, Jan. 7, when it hosts rival Salem State University at 3:00 p.m. The Salem-Westfield women's basketball game tips off at 1:00 at the Woodward Center in the opener of the MASCAC doubleheader. There will be live video stream and live stats for both games.

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*Westfield State University President Evan Dobelle and men's basketball team captains, left to right: Ryan DeLosa, Lee Vazquez and Matt Devine, enjoy some downtime during the Owls' trip to Daytona Beach, Fla., in December.* (Photo by Junior Delgado)

# Vazquez Named MASCAC Player Of Week

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University's Lee Vazquez has been selected the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's basketball player of the week.

It was the third MASCAC player of the week honor for the high sccoring 5-6 junior guard. Vazquez racked up game highs of 35 points and seven assists in the Owls' big 85-54 victory over Salem State in their conference opener on Saturday, Jan. 7. He

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His junior classmate – 6-7 center Matt Devine - ranks first nationally in NCAA Division III in blocked shots per game (5.2). Team-wise, the Owls are first nationally in blocked shots (7.5) and second in field goal shooting defense.

Westfield has two key road games this week: Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Worcester State (8:00 p.m.) and Saturday, Jan. 14, at Bridgewater State. Please note the men's game at

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# Cooper connects in clutch for Westfield

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Grant Cooper's layup with 1.8 seconds left gave the Westfield State University men's basketball team a 66-64 victory over Bridgewater State University on Saturday at the Tinsley Center in Bridgewater.

The Owls led by 11 at the half (41-30), but the Bears battled back and took their first lead of the second half at 56-55 on an Anthony Fortes 3-pointer with 7:21 to go.

Tied at 62 Westfield State's Lee Vazquez nailed a jumper with 30 seconds left, but Fortes followed with a jump shot of his own with 10 seconds remaining, setting up Cooper's winning basket.

Cooper netted 14 points to go with six rebounds, four assists, two steals, and a blocked shot for the Owls (10-6, 2-1 MASCAC).

Lee Vazquez tallied 13 points, two rebounds, six assists, and two blocks and Matt Devine posted a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds to go with two assists, six blocks, and a steal.

Ryan White (7 points, 10 rebounds) and Ryan DeLosa (7 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 blocks) also played well for Westfield State.

Fortes had the last 11 points for the Bears and scored a game-high 27 points and tallied four rebounds, five assists, and three steals for Bridgewater State (6-7, 2-1 MASCAC).

## Local roundup

**Elms 88, Newbury 83 (OT):** Daniel Gonzalez scored a game-high 25 points and drilled six three-pointers for Elms (5-8, 2-3 NECC).

Andre French tallied 21 points, six rebounds, four assists, and two steals and Bryant Corcoran added 16 points, eight rebounds, two assists, and three steals for the host Blazers.

**Saint Michael's 81, AIC 76 (OT):** Janek Schmidkunz scored 17 points and Spencer Braithwaite added 16 points for American International College (4-10, 2-8 NE-10).

**Eastern Nazarene 77, Western New England 69:** Andre Shaw had 22 points and six rebounds, while Damon Alston added 11 points, seven rebounds, and two assists for Western New England (4-7, 1-4 CCC).

**Williams 71, Connecticut College 50:** James Klemm tallied 19 points, eight rebounds, three assists, and two steals for Williams (13-3, 2-2 NESCAC).

Michael Mayer was the other Eph in double figures with 14 points to go with four rebounds and three assists.

**MCLA 76, Worcester St. 65:** Jamal Brown (Commerce) posted 19 points and 11 rebounds for MCLA (4-11 1-1 MASCAC).

Chris Harris tallied 15 points, six rebounds, five assists, and four steals for the host Trailblazers.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**AIC 52, Saint Michael's 47:** Sarah Noble netted a team-high 14 points, including four 3-pointers, for AIC (5-9, 4-6 NE-10) in the Ross Sports Center in Colchester, Vt.

Alyssa Roach and Marie Li Sicard both scored 11 points for the Yellow Jackets and Rhea Pascal tallied eight points, 10 rebounds, three assists, three steals, and a block.

**Springfield 60, MIT 43:** Kelly Slattery scored 17 points to lead four players in double figures for Springfield (9-6, 5-3 NEWMAC).

Colleen Dignum (12 points), Jamie Bickelhaupt (11 points), and Kelly Murphy (10 points) also scored in double digits for the Pride.

**Elms 69, Newbury 61:** Denisha Parks posted 21 points and nine rebounds for Elms (8-5, 5-1 NECC).

Jen Normandie tallied 15 points, eight rebounds, three assists, two blocks, and three steals and Carolyn Talmadge flirted with a triple-double, adding 13 points eight rebounds, and eight assists for the Blazers.

**Mount Holyoke 63, Coast Guard 51:** Angelica Pascual had 16 of her game-high 23 points in the second half as Mount Holyoke (3-11, 1-7 NEWMAC) snapped a three-game losing streak and won its first conference game.

Amber Legare posted 12 points, seven rebounds, four assists, two steals, and three blocks for the Lyons.

**MCLA 79, Worcester State 71:** Jen Wehner scored 24 points, while adding seven rebounds and two assists for MCLA (7-7, 1-1 MASCAC).

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### WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

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2011 - 2012

# Westfield falls in Daytona Beach shootout

## *Scranton overcomes late deficit for 61-56 victory*

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – For the second straight night, The University of Scranton (Pa.) men's basketball team overcame a late deficit to pull out a victory at the Daytona Beach Shootout.

Scranton erased a five-point deficit with three minutes remaining to defeat Westfield State University, 61-56, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, behind a 16-point effort from junior guard Travis Farrell (Middletown, NJ/Christian Brothers Academy) and 12 points from senior forward and all-tournament selection Matt Swaback (Kingston, Pa./Wyoming Seminary).

Scranton, which overcame an 8-point deficit to defeat North Central College (Ill.) Monday evening, 64-62, enters the holiday break with a 6-4 record. The loss drops the Owls to 7-4.

And similar to the North Central win, the Royals clamped down defensively when they needed it most, outscoring the Owls 11-1 over the final 4:54. After Owl freshman forward Grant Cooper (Northampton, Mass./Northampton) hit one of two free throws with 2:30 left to make it 56-52, Scranton took control the rest of the way, starting with two big plays by Swaback.

*Daytona Beach Shootout all-tournament selection Lee Vazquez.*

He tied the game with 2:11 remaining by knocking down a 3-pointer, drawing a foul on the play, and converting the free throw for a four-point play. On Scranton's next possession after an Owl turnover, Swaback gave the Royals their first lead by tipping in a missed shot by senior guard Dan Hilferty (Ardmore, Pa./Episcopal Academy) with 1:14 left.

Westfield then turned the ball over again and missed three 3-pointers in the final 30 seconds as Scranton countered with a free throw by Farrell and two more by freshman guard Ross Danzigd (Clarks Green, Pa./Abington Heights/Blair Academy-NJ) to seal the victory. Danzig finished with nine points, seven steals, four rebounds, and four assists.

Junior guard and all-tournament selection Lee Vazquez (Attleboro, Mass./Woonsocket-RI) led Westfield State with 15 points and Cooper finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Royals will return to action on Monday, January 2, against former Freedom Conference rival Wilkes University in the first Cross-County Challenge to be held at the Insalaco Arena on the campus of Marywood University in Scranton beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Westfield is idle until Dec. 29 when it plays Rivier (N.H.) College in the opening round of the Trinity College tournament in Hartford, Conn. Tip-off is 5:00 p.m.

NOTES: The tightly contested game featured five lead changes and seven ties… Vazquez gave Westfield its biggest lead, 48-40, when he drained one of his three 3-point baskets made with 10:40 remaining…Scranton is 2-2 in its last four games, and all four have been decided by a total of 11 points…the Royals pressured the Owls into 20 turnovers and held them to 41.3 percent shooting from the field…Scranton shot only 38.5 percent from the field but did connect on 15 of 22 free throw attempts (68.2 percent).

2011–2012

# Men's basketball beats Worcester

**Joey Cooper**
Sports Editor

Westfield State's men's basketball team got back on track Tuesday, Jan. 31 as they were all over the Worchester State Lancers in an 81-59 routing.

The Owls controlled the game from the tip as starting point guard Lee Vazquez started off the night quick hitting two early 3-pointers to give Westfield the early lead. The first few possessions for the Owls would foreshadow how the rest of the game played out as Vazquez dropped 41 points to go along with his five steals.

Junior center Matt Devine was stellar on both sides as he put together his second consecutive double-double performance scoring 16 points to go with his 16 total rebounds pulled down.

Vazquez hit back to back 3-pointers that were vital in giving Westfield State a cushion at halftime, leading 44-35. Vazquez also put together a 28-point half, almost outscoring the opposing team on his own.

The Lancers were unable to keep up with Westfield as they pushed the tempo all night. Westfield had two signature dunks in the second half by Ryan DeLosa and Ryan White that got the crowd going the rest of the game.

Ryan DeLosa was responsible for a host of second chance opportunities diving for loose balls and crashing the boards.

With 1:30 left in the second half, Vazquez hit a dagger three to put the Owls up 78-59, helping him break Westfield's single game record of nine 3-pointers made in a game.

Westfield also received key contributions from junior forward Ryan White who played well on both ends of the court getting eight points and six rebounds.

Westfield's defense held the Lancers to a little over 35% from the field, led by Devine who acquired five blocks, controlling the paint all night.

The next four games for Westfield will be played at home, giving the Owls an opportunity to further improve their MASCAC seeding for the conference tournament later this month.

2011-2012

# Vazquez's 38 Powers Owls Past Regis

## *WSU's Junior Guard Hits Century Mark In Three Games; Devine Sets School Record*

WESTFIELD, Mass. — Junior guard Lee Vazquez (Attleboro, Mass.) continued his incredible scoring show as he poured in a career high 38 points to power unbeaten Westfield State University to a 78-56 victory over Regis College on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Vazquez has scored an even 100 points in his last three games for the 5-0 Owls, including 31 points vs. both Emmanuel College and Fisher College.

The smallest player on the court at 5-6, Vazquez also had five rebounds, three assists and three steals vs. Regis. The explosive guard shot 13 for 26 from the field and 6 for 6 from the foul line. Exhibiting his NBA shooting range, he was 6 for 13 from 3-point land.

"It's all clicking for me right now," said Vazquez. "I worked hard over the summer and it's carried over to this season. I did rush a few shots at the end of the game because I looked up at the scoreboard and saw that I had 38 points and wanted 40."

It was also an historic night for Westfield 6-7 junior center Matt Devine (Pembroke), who set a school single game record with eight blocked shots. Devine, who was honored prior to the game for breaking the school career record for blocked shots earlier this season, had held the previous single game record of seven rejections, a feat he has accomplished four times, including twice this season.

Dubbed "The Big Easy", Devine nearly posted at triple double with 10 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out late in the game.

"I was really excited to hear that Matt got eight blocks," said Vazquez, who noted his classmate could have had a few more blocks but he was whistled for some borderline fouls.

With Vazquez pumping in half of his team's first half points and Devine dominating the inside with five blocks and six rebounds, the Owls took a 38-29 halftime lead.

Westfield held its biggest lead in the first half, 34-19, when Vazquez drained an NBA trey at the 5:46 mark.

A dunk by freshman Grant Cooper (Northampton) gave Westfield a 42-31 edge and the Owls led by double digits the rest of the game.

Cooper was the only other Westfield player in double figures with 11 points; he also grabbed eight rebounds. The Owls held their turnovers to a minimum (15) and shot 45 percent from the field.

Regis struggled, shooting 27 percent from the field, including 5 for 25 from 3-point range, and 13 for 24 from the foul line. Ryan Chambers was the only Regis player in double figures with 17 points. Ethan Peana finished with seven points and a team-high eight boards.

2011 – 2012

# astern Connecticut Downs Westfield State, 67-42

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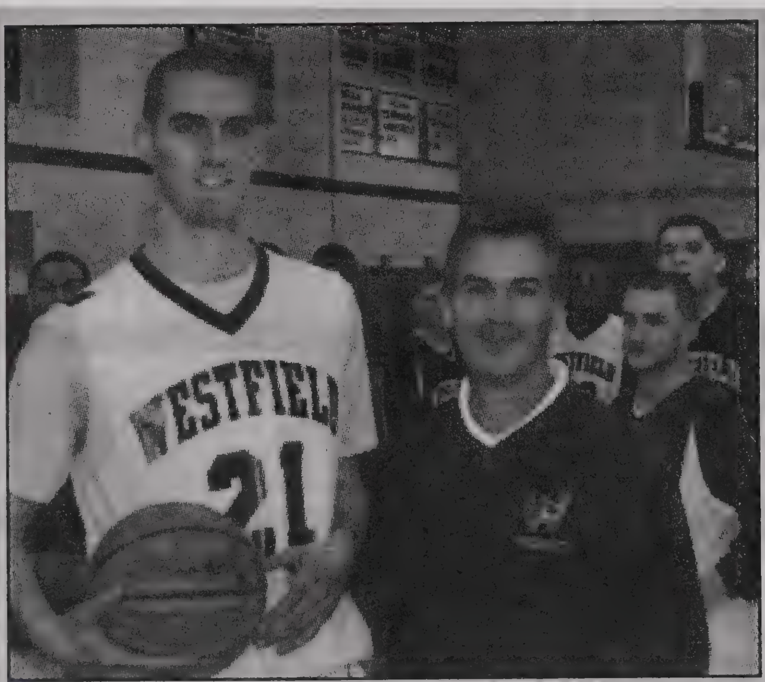
After that burst, the lead never dipped below nine the rest of the way, with a 13-3 surge over six minutes in the second half pushing the advantage to 23 with five-and-a-half minutes left.

Blodgett tied her career high with 18 points and her 10 rebounds was one shy of her all-time best. Kelleher has missed a double-double twice this season, once by one rebound and once by one point. She also had three blocked shots. Chapman was 7-for-12 from the floor with six rebounds and only one turnover in 29 minutes. Freshman point guard Kristina Forsman (Newington) contributed five points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals and only two turnovers in 31 minutes.

Westfield team scoring leader Jen Ashton (Beverly, MA), a freshman guard, scored 19 of her team's points, taking 27 of their 67 attempts from the floor. The Owls, winners of last year's Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) regular-season championship, shot just 20.7 percent from the floor in the second half and managing only 16 points (six field goals).

Eastern hosts 2011 national champion and No. 1 ranked Amherst College Thursday at 7 p.m.



*Matt Devine was honored prior to the game for setting the school career record for blocked shots. The 6-7 junior center now has 156 rejections; the former record of 139 was held by All-American Russell Thompson (Class of 1987). Devine celebrated the magic milestone along with a large number of family and friends by setting the single-game school record with eight blocked shots vs. Regis.*

2011-2012

# Jen Ashton Selected MASCAC Rookie Of Year

JEN ASHTON

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University freshman guard Jen Ashton has been selected the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's basketball rookie of the year for the 2011-2012 season.

Ashton had a sensational rookie season, scoring 399 points in leading the Owls and finishing fourth in the conference with 15.3 points per game average. The versatile 5-6 guard ranks first in the MASCAC and second in the NCAA Division III in steals per game (4.8) and is first in the conference in assists (4.5). Also, Ashton ranks 11th in the conference in rebounding (6.7) and 10th in free throw shooting (72 percent, 90-for-125).

Ashton was also the leading vote getter on the MASCAC all-conference second team as she just missed earning first-team all-conference honors. She was Westfield's only player selected to the all-conference squad.

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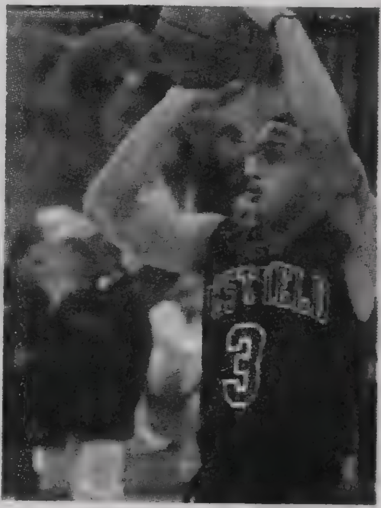
# Player Of The Week

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University junior Lee Vazquez was selected the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's basketball player of the week for the second consecutive week.

The explosive 5-6 guard from Attleboro, Mass., averaged 28.5 points, five rebounds and 4.3 steals in a 2-2 week for Owls, including a career-high 38 points in 78-56 victory over Regis, along with 31 points in 89-50 win over Green Mountain (Vt.) State. He added 25 points in a 79-62 setback to third-ranked Amherst at the Pioneer Valley Classic and canned 15 3-point baskets on the week.

The Owls return to action on Tuesday, Dec. 6, when they host local rival Western New England University at 7:00 p.m. There will be both live stats and live video stream for those unable to attend the game.


LEE VAZQUEZ

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# Vazquez, Devine Earn First-Team Honors

## Cooper MASCAC Rookie Of The Year

Westfield State University juniors Lee Vazquez and Matt Devine were first-team selections and freshman Grant Cooper (Northampton) was named the rookie of the year on the 2011-2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's basketball all-conference team.

Vazquez had a breakout season for the Owls. The 5-6 guard from Attleboro poured in 577 points this season, the fourth most points scored in school history, in leading the MASCAC and ranking 22nd nationally with a 21.4 scoring average. Vazquez has 985 career points heading into his senior year.

Vazquez also was at the top of the charts in other categories. He currently ranks first in the MASCAC and second nationally in steals per game (3.9) and leads the conference in 3-pointers made per game (2.7). Vazquez ranks second in the conference in assists (3.8) and fourth in free throw shooting (.771), making a MASCAC-high 121 of 157 free throws.

*Westfield 6-7 junior center Matt Devine leads the nation in blocked shots. He shattered the school records for blocked shots in a game (9), season (130) and career (260) and also has 940 career points.*

*Lee Vazquez scored 577 points this season and now has 985 career points.*

Devine dominated the stingy Owl defense that teamwise currently ranks first in the nation in blocked shots (7.8) and field goal shooting defense (36 percent). The 6-7 center ranks first in the NCAA Division III in blocked shots per game (4.8) as he shattered school single season (130) and career (260) records for blocked shots.

Devine also ranks second in the MASCAC and 21st nationally in rebounding (10.4 per game), 10th in assists (2.7) and 15th in scoring (12.7). He has 940 career points as he and Vazquez should surpass the magic milestone of 1,000 points early next season.

Cooper steadily improved as the season progressed for the 16-11 Owls. The hardworking 6-4 forward averaged 10.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game and currently ranks third in the MASCAC in field goal shooting percentage (.531). He is sixth in the MASCAC in steals (2.0) and ninth in assists (2.9) per game.

GRANT COOPER

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# Westfield State Stops Stevenson, 73-67

## *Vazquez Scores 10 Of Game-High 26 Points In Second-Half Run*

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Lee Vazquez scored 10 of his game-high 26 points in a 15-2 second-half run to lead Westfield State University to a 73-67 victory over Stevens University of Maryland in the Daytona Beach Shootout on Monday evening, Dec. 19.

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Greg Collins led Stevenson with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

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# Vazquez pours in career hi

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Junior point guard Lee Vazquez (Attleboro) poured in a career high 41 points and tied a school record with nine 3-point baskets to power Westfield State University to an 81-59 victory over Worcester State University on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

The Owls, who began a four-game homestand, are 13-8 overall and 5-3 in the MASCAC. Worcester, which defeated Westfield earlier this month, is 6-14 and 3-5.

Vazquez pumped in 28 points in the first half, canning 7 of 10 from beyond the arc, to pace Westfield to a 44-35 lead. Westfield never trailed in the first half and led by as many as 13 points.

"I was just feeling it. I have been working on my jump shot every mornihg before class and I just feel good playing at home," said Vazquez.

"It was really just the first half that got me going. At the end we just wanted to keep the lead and we did it together as a team," added the 5-6 point guard who is ranked third nationally in steals per game and 20th in scoring (22.6 points per game). He recorded a game-high five steals vs. Worcester.

Vazquez drained his eighth 3-point basket, giving him 33 points, with 17:38 remaining in the second half. He was quiet for more than 10 minutes, however, as he missed three 3-point shots and the Lancers guarded him with much taller players.

Westfield led by 14 points, 55-41, on a Ryan White dunk with 14:34 remaining. But the Owl offense stalled and the Lancers closed within seven points, 66-59, with 5:24 remaining.

But Westfield bounced back in a big way after a Worcester timeout as the Owls outscored Lancers, 16-0 in the final five minutes.

"There was just a little more ene defense and Ryan DeLosa's dive loose ball) is really what got us going Westfield head coach Rich Sutter.

Vazquez sparked the impressive game-ending run with seven points, i ing his school record tying ninth 3 basket from the left wing with 1:36 re ing.

Pittsfield native Brandon Mauer nine 3-point baskets on 23 attemp Westfield in 2008. For the game Va shot 14 for 29 from the field, includin 16 from 3-point range.

Vazquez's workout partner Matt D (Pembroke) also had a big game f Owls with a rare double-double of 16 and 16 rebounds, along with five bl shots. The 6-7 junior center leads the N Division III in blocked shots per game

"Lee has been great at home and I be happier for him," said Sutter. "And has been steady and outstanding for season. They both have great work eth

The Owls also received solid perforn es from starters Ryan White (8 poin assists, 6 rebounds), Grant Cooper (6 as 4 steals) and Ryan DeLosa (9 points).

Westfield shot 46 percent from the and only committed 11 turnovers. The lead the nation in field goal shooting de at 35 percent, which is what Worcester Westfield also forced 23 Worcester overs.

"We just have to keep rolling. We ha four straight home games and things take care of themselves," said Sutter.

The Lancers were led by Monte Gooc (17 points, 9 rebounds) and Robert Hu (15 points, 15 rebounds). Frank Stepher scored 15 points.

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*No. 3 Lee Vazquez (41 points, 5 steals) and No. 21 Matt Devine (16 points, 16 reboun 5 blocked shots) are congratulated by their teammates in the final seconds of Westfiel 81-59 victory over Worcester State.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

## Vazquez Named MASCAC Player Of The Week

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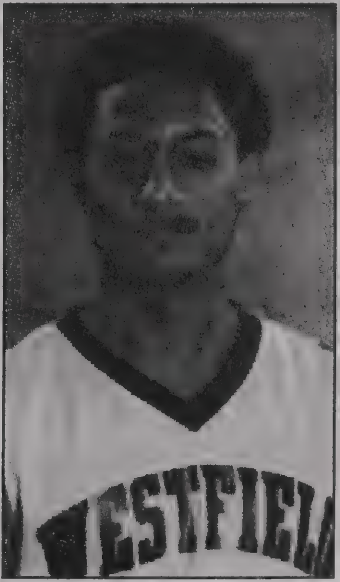
The hustling 5-6 guard netted a career-high 31 points while adding eight rebounds and eight steals in Owls' 80-66 victory over Fisher College. He shot 50 percent (10-20) from field and connected on 5-of-10 attempts from behind arc. Vazquez scored 11 of his points in the final three and a half minutes of the game to thwart a Fisher comeback attempt.



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# Westfield Tops Rivier In Tourney Opener, 80-64

HARTFORD, Conn. – Junior guard Lee Vazquez had game highs of 26 points and six steals to lead Westfield State University to an 80-64 victory over Rivier College (Nashua, NH) in the opening round of the Trinity College tournament on Thursday.

Westfield boosted its record to 8-4 and will play Trinity College in the championship game on Friday at 4:00 p.m. Trinity trounced Elmira (NY) College, 84-46, in the other opening round game.

Westfield controlled the tempo with its ball-hawking defense. The Owls cause 28 Rivier turnovers, including 18 in the second half.

Westfield jumped out to an early 23-9 lead with a 10-0 run and took its biggest lead, 38-19, on back-to-back 3-point baskets by Vazquez. The Owls led at halftime, 42-25, paced by Vazquez (15 points) and backcourt mate Travis Nally (10 points).

The Owls had their own difficult holding onto the ball (22 turnovers, including 13 in the second half) as Rivier rallied to pull within four points, 50-46, on an old fashioned 3-point play by Emmanuel Smith with 12 minutes remaining. But Westfield regrouped, scoring seven straight points for a 57-46 lead with 10:04 remaining. Keying the 7-0 spurt were senior forward Steinnhard Renaud (two lay-ins) and junior guard Mike Moynihan (3-point basket).

Disrupting Rivier with its full-court pressure defense, Westfield held double-digit leads the rest of the game.

**OWL HOOTS:**

Westfield shot 52 percent from the field, including 62 percent (8-13) from 3-point range…Westfield was 18 for 29 from the foul line, including a 12-for-20 effort the second half when they were in the double bonus situation (10 Rivier fouls) with nine minutes remaining…Nally finished with 12 points and Matt Devine had 12 points and team highs of 11 rebounds and five assists…11 players scored for the Owls…Tom Poitras was Rivier's only player in double figures with 23 points…Moynihan was in the starting lineup and played 24 minutes with four assists and four steals…the Owls recorded 20 steals…Rivier's record is 1-7…River will play Elmira (NY) College in the consolation game. Trinity routed Elmira in the other first-round match-up.

*Senior Ryan DeLosa scored four poin including a two-handed slam dunk, vs. Rivi College.* (Photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

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# Westfield Bounces Western New England

## *Owls Play Well After Slow Start In 71-48 Victory*

*The Owls turned in their best team effort in a 71-48 victory over Western New England.* **(File photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)**

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Junior guard Lee Vazquez (Attleboro) had game-highs of 20 points, six assists and six steals, and junior center Matt Devine (Pembroke) posted a double-double (12 points, 12 rebounds) and seven blocked shots to power Westfield State University to a 71-48 victory over Western New England University on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

The Owls boosted their record to 6-2 while the Golden Bears dropped to 3-4.

Westfield had to bounce back from an early 10-point deficit in notching the runaway victory. The Owls struggled early and fell behind, 19-9, with 9:55 remaining in the first half.

Westfield then went on a 14-2 run over the next five minutes to take the lead for good, 23-21, on putback by Ryan White at the 4:19 mark.

"It was a nice victory; we played well as a team tonight," said the high-scoring Vazquez (25.5 points per game), who was held scoreless in the opening eight minutes. "At first we were trying to get the ball into Matt (Devine) and Western New England was playing good defense. But once we adjusted we played really well. It was nice to see four players scoring in double figures. We also limited our turnovers (14 for the game) and passed the ball well (17 assists)."

Westfield led at the break, 32-26, and continued its relentless full-court press defense and offensive execution in the second half. The Owls outscored the Golden Bears, 13-3, in the opening six minutes of the second stanza to take a 45-29 lead. Westfield took a 21-point lead, 59-38, on two free throws by Devine with 8:09 remaining.

Devine, a 6-7 center with the wingspan of a seven-footer, has been spectacular through the first eight games, averaging 12.8 points, 10.3 rebounds and 5.3 blocks.

Also scoring in double figures for Westfield were freshman forward Grant Cooper of Northampton (12 points, 4 assists, 3 steals) and junior guard Travis Nally of Melrose (13 points). Westfield shot 44 percent from the field and outrebounded Western New England, 44-37.

Andre Shaw (New York, NY) was the only player in double figures for WNE with 14 points. After a strong start, the Golden Bears only shot 31 percent from the field for the game, including a 2 for 18 effort from 3-point range.

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## MASCAC QUARTERFINAL

# WSU heading to MASCAC semis

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Junior guard Lee Vazquez had game highs of 26 points and six assists, and freshman forward Grant Cooper (Northampton) totaled 21 points, eight rebounds, five assists and five steals to lead Westfield State University to an 87-71 victory over Fitchburg State University in the quarterfinals of the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) men's basketball tournament yesterday.

The No. 3 seed Owls (16-10) advance to the MASCAC tournament semifinals and will play at No. 2 seed Bridgewater State on tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. No. 6 seed Fitchburg finishes with a 13-12 overall record.

Fitchburg posted a resounding 90-74 home victory over Westfield in the regular season finale this past Saturday, but the Owls were prepared for the postseason.

"We came to play and we just had more energy," Westfield head coach Rich Sutter simply said.

Westfield, which did defeat Fitchburg, 84-59, in the first half of league play, led the entire tournament game. The Owls took their biggest lead of the first half, 20-10, on a high-flying dunk by senior Ryan DeLosa. The scrappy Falcons battled back to tie the score at 27-27, but the Owls finished with an 8-0 run in the final 2:19 of the first half to take a 35-27 lead at the break. Cooper sparked the mini-run with four points.

Westfield led by double digits for most of the second half and took its biggest lead of 18 points, 67-49, following two Vazquez free throws. Draining six of its eight 3-point baskets in the second half, Fitchburg closed to within eight points twice in the closing minutes but Westfield survived the comeback attempt. The Owls ended the game with a 13-2 run in the final 1:08.

The vaunted Owl defense, which leads the NCAA Division III in field goal shooting defense, held the Falcons to 32 percent shooting. Fitchburg was 8-for-32 from 3-point range.

Westfield shot 47 percent from the field and again shot well from the foul line (74 percent), canning 25 of 34 attempts. The Owls forced 20 Falcons turnovers and also moved the ball well with 18 assists on their 29 made field goals.

Also playing well in Westfield's balanced attack were junior center Matt Devine with 14 points, nine rebounds and four blocks. Devine ranks first nationally in blocked shots. Ryan White, a 6-6 junior forward, continued his steady play with eight points, eight rebounds, five assists and five steals. Reserve guard Travis Nally came of the bench to score 12 points.

Fitchburg Junior forward

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# lifts WSU at buzzer

WESTFIELD – Junior center Matt Devine (Pembroke) made a lay-in with 3/10ths of a second remaining to rally Westfield State University to a 69-68 victory over MCLA on Tuesday.

The thrilling comeback victory boosted Westfield's record to 14-9 overall and 6-4 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC). MCLA is 7-15 and 4-5.

The Owls closed the game with a 6-0 run in the final 2:29, capped by Devine's dramatic bucket off a beautiful assist from freshman forward Grant Cooper (Northampton).

After MCLA's Chris Harris missed two free throws with 12 seconds remaining, Cooper grabbed the rebound and Westfield called a timeout with 6.9 seconds remaining.

The game-winning shot was far from textbook. Cooper inbounded the ball near the scorer's table to Lee Vazquez, who lost control of the ball and chased it down near the MCLA left corner baseline.

The Trailblazers made a critical error as two of their players harassed Vazquez near their own baseline. Vazquez found Cooper open near midcourt and the 6-4 forward drove to the Owl basket, creating a 2-on-1 situation.

Cooper looked at the clocked and it appeared that he was going to take a heavily defended floater in the paint. But at the last instance he lofted the ball to the 6-7 Devine, who calmly dropped it in the basket for the game-winning points.

"Coop told me he was going to look for me no matter what and he got the ball to me and I just put it in the basket," said Devine.

"It was supposed to go to Lee but he fell into a trap and he got the ball out to me," Cooper said. "I looked at the clock and was going to put up a floater but then I saw Matt underneath the basket."

Westfield head coach lauded Cooper's overall performance. Cooper posted a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds and also had five assists and three blocks.

'It was Grant's best performance of the year; he almost won the game single handedly," said Sutter. "The play was supposed to be a high pick and roll but when it broke down Coop handled it well."

"I've been working hard and it's good to see that hard work paying off,' said Cooper. "The whole team stuck together and it was a big win."

The Western Mass. rival were tied at halftime, 28-28, and the Owls led by single digits, the biggest margin of six points, through the first 13 minutes of the second half.

But MCLA's depth and foul trouble began to wear on Westfield. MCLA took a 58-57 lead on a jumper by 6-6 sophomore Tyriq Rochester (Orange/Mahar Regional) with 6:40 remaining.

The Trailblazers led 64-63 with 3:15 remaining then scored their final four points on a Vernon Cross layup following a Rochester steal and two free throws by Rochester.

Westfield made it 68-65 on a Vazquez jumper at the 2:29 mark. Cooper dropped in a layup at the 1:04 mark for a 68-67 score. Cooper then registered block on a layup attempt by Cross, Vazquez grabbed the rebound, and Westfield called a timeout with 32 seconds remaining.

But Vazquez was trapped in the frontcourt with 14 seconds remaining and MCLA gained possession on a jump ball. This set the stage for the dramatic finish after Cooper fouled Harris with 12 seconds remaining.

"We definitely struggled but I think this game is going to create a spark for the rest of the season," said Sutter. "We have to play better defensively and stay out of foul trouble the rest of the way."

Devine tied Cooper for team-high scoring honors with 16 points. Devine grabbed nine rebounds and dished out a game-high seven assists,

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dinals rattled off 10 straight points in a span of 4:21 for a 23-15 lead.

After Westfield took its 46-45 advantage, the lead changed hands five times before the contest ended. The score was knotted, 56-56, with 2:34 left before a pair of free throws by junior Matt Devine spotted the visitors a 58-56 lead with 2:13 remaining.

Each team missed a scoring chance before Brown, who led Wesleyan with 15 points, gave the Cardinals the lead for good. Westfield was called for an illegal screen on its next possession and the Cardinals then missed a jumper with :58 to play. Westfield missed its next try but got the offensive board by Cooper with 33 seconds remaining.

Westfield missed a three-pointer with six seconds left and Cardinal sophomore Julian Harris grabbed the defensive rebound, was fouled, and calmly made a pair of free throws for the final score. Westfield got off another long-range three-point attempt at the buzzer but it came up well short of the hoop.

Also hitting double-digits for Wesleyan was junior Derick

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# Westfield State University sticks it to Salem

## *Owls Remain Undefeated In Women's Lacrosse League*

*stfield's Amanda Bouchard beats Salem's Bridget Dullea ball possession during early first-half action.* (Photo by Matt lin)

*Westfield defender Jen Carew charges downfield after securing one of her game-high six groundballs.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University remained undefeated in the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance with a resounding 19-7 victory over Salem State University on Thursday evening.

The Owls are 4-0 in league play and 5-5 overall heading into their key league game this Saturday at Fitchburg State. Salem moves to 6-3 overall and 3-2.

The Owls again received strong offensive efforts from senior Carly Keeley (Feeding Hills), junior Maura Stack (Wilbraham), senior Nicole DiPilato(Shrewsbury) and freshman Amanda Bouchard(Lexington).

Keeley had game highs of five goals, seven points, and six draw controls. Stack tied for game-high honors with seven points (2 goals, 5 assists) and Bouchard finished with five points (4 goals, 1 assist). DiPilato tallied four goals.

Salem took a short-lived lead at the outset on Bridget Dullea's first of a team-high three goals 28 seconds into the game. The Owls then reeled off seven unanswered goals, including two apiece from Bouchard and DiPilato, for a 7-1 lead with 12:54 remaining in the first half.

After another Dullea goal, Westfield scored the final four goals of the first half for an 11-2 lead.

Salem scored the opening three goals of the second half to make it 11-5, forcing Westfield to call a timeout with 19:40 remaining.

Westfield seized control again with a 5-0 run for a 16-5 lead with 13:38 remaining. Keeley and DiPilato both tallied twice during the scoring spree.

The Owls outshot th Vikings, 42-15 and led i draw controls, 18-12. Sale goalie Molly Biewett recorded 11 saves. Dullea had five draw controls in addition t her three goals and Kate Warren contributed two goals and one assist.

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# Crean Leads Mount Holyoke Past Westfield State in 2012 Lax Opener

SOUTH HADLEY — Led by senior attacker Alex Crean (West Hartford, Conn./Pomfret School), the Mount Holyoke College lacrosse team kicked off its 2012 campaign with a 15-12 triumph over Westfield State University Wednesday afternoon at the Mount Holyoke Turf Field. The captain finished with three goals and an assist for the Lyons, who improved to 4-0 all-time against the Owls. It was her first career hat trick.

Mount Holyoke also received a boost from first year midfielder Kirsten Kilburn (North Branford, Conn./North Branford), who recorded a hat trick in her collegiate debut. Sophomore attacker Liz Randolph (Southbury, Conn./Pomperaug) finished with four points on two goals and a pair of assists while piling up five draw controls. Meanwhile, junior Molly MacDonald (Milton, Mass./Milton Academy), senior Hilary Bombard (Northampton, Mass./Northampton), and sophomore Naomi Miller (Augusta, Maine/Cony) chipped in with two goals apiece.

Senior midfielder Carly Keeley (Feeding Hills, Mass./Agawam) erupted for four goals, one assist and six draw controls to set the tone for Westfield State. The Owls also received outstanding production from junior attacker Maura Stack (Wilbraham, Mass./Minnechaug Regional), who dished out two assists to go with a hat trick.

Mount Holyoke exploded out of the gate, scoring four unanswered goals over the first 9:07 of the contest. The Lyons enjoyed a 6-2 cushion after Crean's second tally at the 14:53 mark of the opening period, but Westfield State answered with three straight goals to slice the deficit to 6-5 at the break.

After the Owls knotted things up at 7-7 on a goal by senior attacker Nicole DiPilato (Shrewsbury, Mass./Shrewsbury) five minutes into the second half, Mount Holyoke regained momentum with four straight tallies over the next four minutes. Kilburn found the back of the net twice during the run. Her third goal of the day put the hosts in front 11-7 at the 20:58 mark.

Refusing to go away, Westfield State clawed its way back into the game with a 5-1 spurt over the next nine minutes. Keeley's fourth goal of the day capped off the rally and tied things up at 12-12 with 11:33 remaining in regulation.

From there, it was all Mount Holyoke. MacDonald scored what proved to be the winner off an assist from Randolph 20 seconds later. Miller and junior Christina Horimoto (San Jose, Calif./Leland) then tacked on insurance goals down the stretch, as the Lyons pulled away.

Junior goalkeeper Jamie Theophilos (Hinsdale, Ill./Hinsdale Central) earned the win with a nine-save effort for the hosts. At the other end, junior Jill Robinson (Salem, Mass./Salem) and first year Hannah Joyce (Acton, Mass./Acton-Boxborough Regional) came up with three stops apiece. Robinson got the start for the Owls but was forced to leave at the half due to an injury. The guests finished with a 27-24 advantage in the shot column.

Mount Holyoke (1-0, 0-0 NEWMAC) will return to action on Saturday, when it visits Roger Williams University at 3:30 p.m. Meanwhile, Westfield State (0-1, 0-0 NEWLA) will make the trip to Morrisville State College next Friday at 4:30 p.m.

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# Lady Owls Ranked Third In Preseason Lacrosse Poll

Four-time defending champion Bridgewater State was selected as the preseason favorite in the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) following a vote conducted by the league's coaches. Westfield State is ranked third.

The Bears received six first place votes for a total of 75 points. Bridgewater State, one of only two institutions to have won a NEWLA championship since 1998, returns just two starters and will look to replace graduated NEWLA Defender of the Year Bethany Bush and NEWLA Goalkeeper of the Year Katie Weber.

Fitchburg State placed second in the poll with two first place votes and 70 points. The Falcons return six starters and will be led offensively by senior attacker Amanda Burns who led all players last season with 30 goals during conference play.

Westfield State received one first place votes and 68 points placing third. The Owls are bringing back eight starters including two-time first team all-conference selection Carly Keeley.

The NEWLA welcomes new members Salem State and Massachusetts Maritime in what will be the last season of NEWLA competition. Following the 2012 season, the nine members will begin play within their primary conferences. Seven will play as part of the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) and two will compete within the NECC.

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*Senior tri-captain Genna Raffaelo tallied three goals and two assists at Mass. Maritime.* **(File photo by Cindi Williamson - fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)**

# Westfield Whips Mass. Maritime

BUZZARDS BAY – Freshman Amanda Bouchard netted four goals and three assists for seven points to lead Westfield State to a 21-5 New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance victory over Massachusetts Maritime Saturday, at Clean Harbors Stadium.

The visiting Owls (4-5, 3-0 NEWLA) ran their winning streak to three straight by scoring the first 12 goals of the contest, including four by junior Maura Stack (Wilbraham) and two each by Bouchard and senior Genna Raffaelo, en route to a 13-2 advantage at the break.

Senior Nicole DiPilato added a hat trick and three assists for six points for Westfield State, which also received a hat trick and two helpers from Raffaelo to go with a pair of tallies and two assists from senior Carly Keeley (Feeding Hills.)

Stack added an assist to finish with five points as well for the visitors, who also received a pair of goals from freshman Bridget Everett, as well as single markers from sophomore Sarah Giardino and freshmen Olivia Murphy and Stephanie Lenhardt to go with a helper off the stick of freshman Courtney Byrne.

Sophomore Hillary Doucette netted four goals in the setback for the host Buccaneers (2-7, 1-2 NEWLA), who also received a tally from junior Kim Courcy, as well as assists from senior Shauna Callinan and junior Briana Bergstrom.

Freshman Hannah Joyce picked up the win in goal for Westfield State by making a first half save, while junior Jill Robinson had three-second half stops for the Owls.

Freshman Tenley Gillett made 11 saves in 41-plus minutes of action for Massachusetts Maritime, which also received three stops in 18-plus second half minutes from freshman Deb Langley.

Westfield State outshot the Buccaneers by a 37-10 margin for the match while holding a 21-7 advantage in draw controls.

Massachusetts Maritime heads to Worcester on Tuesday evening to take on Worcester State in a New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance match that begins at 7:00 p.m., while Westfield State hosts Salem State in a key

# Smith holds off Westfield in lacrosse

NORTHAMPTON, Mass.-- Meaghan Fileti became the fifth player to hit the 100 goal mark in program history, scoring a career high eight times in a 17-14 win over Westfield State University on Tuesday afternoon.

The win marks consecutive victories for Smith for the first time since 2010, and gives Smith as many wins as they had in all of 2011. Smith improved to 4-3 with the victory, while Westfield State dropped to 1-4 with the defeat.

Fileti entered the game needing six goals to become the fifth centurion in the history of Smith lacrosse - she joins Alexa Wilder '99, Amanda Edelhart '01 (175), Jennifer Myers '94 (112), and Sara Fleet '92 (105). The eight goals tied Myers' for the fourth best single game mark at Smith.

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Two goals from Maura Stack brought the Owls to within 5-3, and the teams traded the next six goals until the Pioneers closed the half with a free position goal from MK Pasini and Fileti's fourth of the game, set up by Hessel, for a 10-6 lead at halftime.

The Owls came out on fire to start the second half, scoring the first four goals of the stanza and tying the score at 10. Genna Raffaelo started the streak, and Nicole DiPilato, Lee Meskevich, and Maura Stack all found the net in the scoring burst.

Fileti put Smith in front for good by scoring the next three goals, the second of which put her into 100 goal territory. Jessica Lillquist and Jenny Estes made it 15-10 with 21:53 to play, but the

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# Westfield State University Bounces Becker, 21-3

### Owls Boost Record To 6-0 In Women's Lacrosse League

LEICESTER – Maura Stack, Nicole DiPilato and Olivia Murphy each recorded a hat trick to lead Westfield State University to a 21-3 victory over Becker in New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) action last night at Alumni Field.

The Owls of Westfield State are now 7-5 overall and a league-leading 6-0 in the NEWLA standings, holding the top spot in the conference. The Hawks of Becker drop to 3-10 and 2-3 in the NEWLA.

Hannah Joyce tallied two saves in goal for the Owls, playing the first half. Karena Prescott went the distance for the Hawks, coming up with six saves.

Becker briefly held the lead when, 1:37 into the game, Ashley Mossey found the back of the net to put the Hawks up 1-0. But Westfield State's Carly Keeley scored the equalizer on the very next possession, and the Owls never looked back. Westfield led at halftime, 16-2.

DiPilato finished with two assists in addition to her three goals, while Keeley and Amanda Bouchard each finished with a pair of goals and assists each. Bridget Everett and Genna Raffaelo each had two goals on the day.

Mossey finished with two of Becker's three scores, with Morgan Hazen recording the other strike.

Becker will face their next challenge on Thursday when they travel to Fitchburg State for a 7:00 p.m. game. Westfield State heads to Western Connecticut, also on Thursday at 7:00pm.

*Senior Nicole DiPilato was Westfield's leading scorer with five points (3 goals, 2 assists).* (F

**photo by Matt Jardin)**

**HONOR ROLL:** Westfield State University's Maura Stack and Amanda Bouchard were named offensive player of the week and rookie of the week, respectively, in the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance.

Stack scored a team-high seven goals in a big 16-15 NEWLA victory at Fitchburg State. The junior attacker was sensational offensively in the second half as she scored three game-tying goals to rally Owls from 12-11, 13-12, and 14-13 deficits. In a 19-7 defeat of Salem St., Stack added two goals and five assists for a weekly total of 15 points (9 goals, 6 assists).

In two league victories last week, Bouchard scored six goals with two assists to go along with four ground balls, five draw controls and one caused turnover. In a 19-7 defeat of Salem State, the freshman attacker scor four goals with an assist. In tight road victory at Fitchbu Bouchard scored twice ai assisted on another.

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# Norwich Nips Owls in Lacrosse Thriller, 17-15

NORTHFIELD, Vt. – Everything about the non-conference women's lacrosse between Norwich University and Westfield State March 29 was close.

The Cadets of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference and the Owls of the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference were even in shots (39-39) and extra person opportunities (0-1), while NU had just three more turnovers (24-21) and five more saves (16-11). The scoreboard was right in line with the tightly-contested match, as the Maroon and Gold took a 17-15 victory at Howard Field.

Coach Elizabeth Van Parys' side, moving to 4-0, had to withstand an early blitzkrieg from the Owls (1-5). Coach Greg Styles' group converted on its first four shot attempts to lead 4-1 less than two minutes in. The two sides each traded a score after that point and then the Cadets rattled off seven straight goals to lead 9-5 midway through the first half.

*Norwich's Grace Fitzpatrick fires a shot surrounded by Westfield defenders.* (Courtesy of Adam Hatt Photography)

"Westfield State is a very strong squad," Van Parys said. "We knew coming in that we would have to be ready to play well the entire match. (Westfield State) got out to a very fast start, but our team did a nice job of steadying itself and gaining some momentum with the two early goals."

Norwich maintained the lead to close the half with a 12-8 advantage. Westfield State came out just as strong as they had in the opening frame with three of the first four scores to make it 13-11.

A goal each off the stick of Norwich senior midfielder Mollie Fitzpatrick (Falmouth, Me.) and senior attacker Danielle Del Dotto (Andover, Mass.) helped keep the Owls at bay before WSU managed to cut the deficit to one at 15-14 and 16-15. Del Dotto added the final goal of the night for a two-goal edge, but the visitors sti
tained strong offensive press
the final 2:30.

"Our defense stepped up
had to," Van Parys said. "(Sen
keeper) Meghan (Kenne
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saves when Westfield State w
suring us, and she also did a
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for our offense."

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# Bridgewater bests Westfield in overtime

## *Owls drop tough 6-5 decision in Lacrosse Championship*

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – Freshman attack Riley Cachelin (Westwood, Mass.) scored off a free position attempt with 14 seconds remaining in overtime to lift top-seeded Bridgewater State University to a dramatic 6-5 win over No. 2 seed Westfield State University in the championship game of the 2012 New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) Tournament on Saturday evening, May 5.

The Bears (12-7) captured the program's fifth straight NEWLA Tournament title and advance to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the third consecutive year and fourth time overall. Tournament pairings are expected to be announced on Sunday evening. Westfield ends the season with a 9-8 record.

Bridgewater took a 2-0 lead into the intermission on first-half tallies from junior defender Shelby Farland (Fiskdale, Mass.) and junior midfielder Michelle Navoni (Mansfield, Mass.). The Bears, however, would go a little more than 28 minutes before finding the back of the next again.

Westfield tied it at the 21:12 mark of the second half on goals just 43 seconds apart from senior midfielder Carly Keeley (Feeding Hills, Mass.) and sophomore attack Sarah Giardino (Foxboro, Mass.). The Owls took their first lead of the game with 16:18 remaining on a goal from freshman attack Amanda Bouchard (Lexington, Mass.).

Trailing 3-2, the Bears tied it at the 13-minute mark as senior midfielder Stephanie Lannon (Swampscott, Mass.) converted off a terrific feed from freshman attack Riley Cachelin (Westwood, Mass.).

Keeley quickly regained the lead for Westfield just over two minutes later with her second marker of the day and team-leading 56th of the season.

Cachelin notched her first goal of the day and 30th of the season with 6:21 left in regulation to tie the score at 4-4. Bridgewater had possession as the clock ticked down under three minutes, but a big charge call gave the Owls the ball.

*Captains Carly Keeley, Nicole DiPilato and Genna Raffaelo received the tournamen runner-up plaque from Westfield athletics director Richard Lenfest after the Owls' thrilling overtime game at Bridgewater.*

Westfield took a timeout and Bouchard had a chance to win it with three seconds left but her shot was turned away by BSU sophomore netminder Victoria Moore (Duxbury, Mass.) as the game headed to overtime.

Navoni scored for Bridgewater in the first three-minute overtime session, but that was answered by Westfield's Bouchard with 2:22 remaining in the second session. The Bears won the draw after the Bouchard goal and eventually called timeout with 37 seconds left on the clock.

Cachelin was fouled on an attempted drive to the net and, on the ensuing free position attempt, potted the game-winner on a low shot that broke through off the Westfield keeper.

Moore was outstanding between the pipes for Bridgewater as she turned aside nine shots. Cachelin finished with tw goals and an assist, while sophomore mic fielder Taylor Clancy (Braintree, Mass led all players with 10 ground balls whi also recording three caused turnovers an a pair of controlled draws.

Westfield held a 20-16 advantage i shots, while the Bears had a slight edge i both ground balls (25-23) and draws (8-7

Freshman goaltender Hannah Joyc (Acton, Mass.) made four saves for th Owls. Bouchard finished with two goa and four draws, while Keeley notched fiv draws and two caused turnovers to g along with her two goals.

Notes: The championship game capp off the final season of the NEWLA seven of the teams will be competing ne season in the Massachusetts Sta Collegiate Athletic Conference... Th announcement of the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Tournament field w be webcast on NCAA.com on Sund evening (TBA) with first round play ge ting underway on Wednesday, May 9.

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# Westfield No. 2 seed for lacrosse tournament

## *Owls Host Framingham*

Four-time defending champion Bridgewater State will enter the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance tournament as the top seed and Westfield State is the No. 2 seed.

Following an 8-0 regular season, the Bears (8-0 NEWLA, 10-7 overall) will host fourth seed Fitchburg State (5-3 NEWLA, 7-9 overall) in a semifinal game tonight at 6.

Westfield State (7-1 NEWLA, 8-7 overall) and Framingham State (6-2 NEWLA, 9-6 overall) will meet in the other semifinal this evening at 6.

The semifinal winners will meet Saturday, May 5, at the highest remaining seed.

The winner of the NEWLA Championship game will receive an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III Championship

### NEWLA Women's Lacrosse Championship

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(4) Fitchburg State at (1) Bridgewater State, 6:00 p.m.
(3) Framingham State at (2) Westfield State, 6:00 p.m.
Championship – Saturday, May 5 at highest remaining seed
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Yet another goal from Fileti restored a two goal margin with 3:49 to play, and Hessle gave Smith some breathing room with an unassisted tally with 15 seconds remaining.

Alina Pechacek had another outstanding game in net, making 11 saves. Hannah Joyce played 48:28 in net for Westfield State, making 13 saves, while Jill Robinson made one save in 11:32 of action.

Stack scored five times for the Owls, while Meskevich, Bouchard, and DiPilato found the net twice. Estes finished with a hat trick for Smith, while Hessel scored twice and Becky Bracken and Pasini each netted once.

## 2012 WSU WOMEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULE

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| Saturday | March 3 | LASELL | 1:00 |
| Wednesday | March 7 | at Mount Holyoke | 4:30 |
| Friday | March 16 | Morrisville State, NY | 4:00 |
| Sunday | March 18 | at Lycoming College, PA | 12:00 |
| Saturday | March 24 | at Keene State | 1:00 |
| Tuesday | March 27 | at Smith | 4:30 |
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*Sophomore Tyler LaBonte was Westfield's low medalist with an 80 in placing fourth overall at the MASCAC championships.* (File photo by Mickey Curtis)

# Owls place second in MASCAC Golf Finals

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SUTTON – Salem State senior Nick Zolotas and sophomore Tom Grant both placed in the top five to help the Vikings capture their fourth consecutive and 13th MASCAC Championship yesterday at the par-72 Blackstone National Golf Course.

The crown marks SSU's third consecutive title. The tournament was restarted in 2010 after a 19-year hiatus. The team score for the Vikings of 312 (+24) is one stroke better than their previous victory last season.

Westfield State took home the runner-up trophy with a combined score of 343 (+55) and Worcester State followed with a team tally of 351 (+63). Three individuals for MCLA competed in a tournament field of 19 competitors as they did not have the required number for a team score.

Zolotas dominated the field with a round of 66 (-6) which was three strokes off the course record of 63. He was -4 on the four par-5 holes, had only two bogeys, and recorded an eagle on the par-4, 346-yard sixth hole. Zolotas also improved on his first place finish from a year ago at the 2011 MASCAC Championship by three strokes when he shot 69 (-3).

Senior Shane Ortega of MCLA placed second with a score of 77 (+5). Grant carded a 79 (+7) which was good for third place and Tyler LaBonte of Westfield State handed in a card 80 (+8) for fourth place. MCLA junior Sean Cota came in fifth place with a final score of 81 (+9).

Worcester State junior Joe Belanger and Salem State freshman Craig Farley both tied for sixth with scores of 83 (+12). Senior Chris Berry (Rutland, MA) and junior Matt Sebet – both of Salem State – took home eighth place scorecards (84; +12).

Junior Rory Wilkowich of Westfield and second-year James Letourneau of Worcester State rounded out the top-ten as they tied with scores of 86 (+14).

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# Westfield State University Bounces Becker, 21-3

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## wls Boost ecord To 6-0 n Women's lacrosse League

LEICESTER – Maura Sack, Nicole DiPilato and livia Murphy each recorded hat trick to lead Westfield tate University to a 21-3 victry over Becker in New ngland Women's Lacrosse lliance (NEWLA) action st night at Alumni Field.

The Owls of Westfield State re now 7-5 overall and a eague-leading 6-0 in the EWLA standings, holding e top spot in the conference. he Hawks of Becker drop to 10 and 2-3 in the NEWLA.

Hannah Joyce tallied two saves in goal for the Owls, playing the first half. Karena Prescott went the distance for the Hawks, coming up with six saves.

Becker briefly held the lead when, 1:37 into the game, Ashley Mossey found the back of the net to put the Hawks up 1-0. But Westfield State's Carly Keeley scored the equalizer on the very next possession, and the Owls never looked back. Westfield led at halftime, 16-2.

DiPilato finished with two assists in addition to her three goals, while Keeley and Amanda Bouchard each finished with a pair of goals and assists each. Bridget Everett and Genna Raffaelo each had two goals on the day.

Mossey finished with two of Becker's three scores, with Morgan Hazen recording the other strike.

Becker will face their next challenge on Thursday when they travel to Fitchburg State for a 7:00 p.m. game. Westfield State heads to Western Connecticut, also on Thursday at 7:00pm.

**HONOR ROLL:** Westfield State University's Maura Stack and Amanda Bouchard were named offensive player of the week and rookie of the week, respectively, in the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance.

*Senior Nicole DiPilato was Westfield's leading scorer with five points (3 goals, 2 assists).* (File photo by Matt Jardin)

Stack scored a team-high seven goals in a big 16-15 NEWLA victory at Fitchburg State. The junior attacker was sensational offensively in the second half as she scored three game-tying goals to rally Owls from 12-11, 13-12, and 14-13 deficits. In a 19-7 defeat of Salem St., Stack added two goals and five assists for a weekly total of 15 points (9 goals, 6 assists).

In two league victories last week, Bouchard scored six goals with two assists to go along with four ground balls, five draw controls and one caused turnover. In a 19-7 defeat of Salem State, the freshman attacker scored four goals with an assist. In a tight road victory at Fitchburg, Bouchard scored twice and assisted on another.

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*Senior tri-captain Genna Raffaelo tallied three goals and two assists at Mass. Maritime.* **(File photo by Cindi Williamson - fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)**

# Westfield Whips Mass. Maritime

BUZZARDS BAY – Freshman Amanda Bouchard netted four goals and three assists for seven points to lead Westfield State to a 21-5 New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance victory over Massachusetts Maritime Saturday, at Clean Harbors Stadium.

The visiting Owls (4-5, 3-0 NEWLA) ran their winning streak to three straight by scoring the first 12 goals of the contest, including four by junior Maura Stack (Wilbraham) and two each by Bouchard and senior Genna Raffaelo, en route to a 13-2 advantage at the break.

Senior Nicole DiPilato added a hat trick and three assists for six points for Westfield State, which also received a hat trick and two helpers from Raffaelo to go with a pair of tallies and two assists from senior Carly Keeley (Feeding Hills.)

Stack added an assist to finish with five points as well for the visitors, who also received a pair of goals from freshman Bridget Everett, as well as single markers from sophomore Sarah Giardino and freshmen Olivia Murphy and Stephanie Lenhardt to go with a helper off the stick of freshman Courtney Byrne.

Sophomore Hillary Doucette netted four goals in the setback for the host Buccaneers (2-7, 1-2 NEWLA), who also received a tally from junior Kim Courcy, as well as assists from senior Shauna Callinan and junior Briana Bergstrom.

Freshman Hannah Joyce picked up the win in goal for Westfield State by making a first half save, while junior Jill Robinson had three-second half stops for the Owls.

Freshman Tenley Gillett made 11 saves in 41-plus minutes of action for Massachusetts Maritime, which also received three stops in 18-plus second half minutes from freshman Deb Langley.

Westfield State outshot the Buccaneers by a 37-10 margin for the match while holding a 21-7 advantage in draw controls.

Massachusetts Maritime heads to Worcester on Tuesday evening to take on Worcester State in a New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance match that begins at 7:00 p.m., while Westfield State hosts Salem State in a key New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance outing on Thursday evening in Westfield, Mass. that also begins at 7:00 p.m.

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# Lycoming Lacrosse Edges Westfield, 11-10

Down by four goals midway through the first half, the Lycoming College women's lacrosse team scored nine of the next 11 and withstood a late run from Westfield State to take an 11-10 decision for the Warriors' third straight win in non-conference action at the Shangraw Athletic Complex on a sunny Sunday afternoon, March 18.

Junior Brooke Strausser led the Warriors (3-2 overall) with six goals for the third straight game while also adding seven groundballs and two caused turnovers. Both freshmen Alysha Conley and Casey Maguire posted two goals.

The Warriors dominated on the ground, posting 31 groundballs and forcing 20 Westfield State turnovers in the win, while also proving the aggressor, forcing Westfield State (1-2 overall) into 43 fouls.

The Owls built a 6-2 lead in the first 15 minutes of the game, as they moved the ball with ease thanks to Maura Stack posting a goal and two assists and Genna Raffaelo adding two goals.

A pair of Westfield State yellow cards proved fruitful for the Warriors, though, as Strausser connected on a pair of free-position shots to cut the lead to two goals. She cut the goal to a point with 4:16 left and Conley used the first of her two goals to tie the game with 2:42 left.

After a man-up goal with 1:44 left by Westfield State, the Warriors responded before the half, with sophomore Maureen Heagy tying the score on a free-position connection with 38 seconds left.

Lycoming kept the pressure on in the second half, with Strausser connecting twice in the first five minutes of the half. After Westfield State's Carley Keeley cut the lead to 9-8 with 11:42 left, the Warriors got a big goal from Conley on a free-position attempt with 8:21 left and Maguire gave Lycoming an 11-8 lead with a score to the upper left corner with 7:00 left.

Westfield State added two goals late, but Lycoming controlled the draw with 20 seconds left to maintain the 11-10 margin.

Freshman Erin Cieniewicz posted five groundballs and five draw controls and Conley, junior Hope Pappas, freshman Liz Francescone, and Maguire each picked up two groundballs for Lycoming.

Keeley led the Owls with two goals and an assist and Raffaelo also notched two goals. Maura Stack contributed a goal and two assists as eight Owls factored into the team's scoring. Sarah Giardino picked up a team-high three groundballs.

*photo by Mickey Curtis*

Freshman Bridget Everett scored a goal in Westfield's comeback attempt late in the second half vs. Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa.

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# Smith holds off Westfield in lacrosse

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass.--Meaghan Fileti became the fifth player to hit the 100 goal mark in program history, scoring a career high eight times in a 17-14 win over Westfield State University on Tuesday afternoon.

The win marks consecutive victories for Smith for the first time since 2010, and gives Smith as many wins as they had in all of 2011. Smith improved to 4-3 with the victory, while Westfield State dropped to 1-4 with the defeat.

Fileti entered the game needing six goals to become the fifth centurion in the history of Smith lacrosse - she joins Alexa Wilder '99, Amanda Edelhart '01 (175), Jennifer Myers '94 (112), and Sara Fleet '92 (105). The eight goals tied Myers' for the fourth best single game mark at Smith.

Fileti got her first goal 50 seconds into the game, and though the Owls tied the score on a goal from Amanda Bouchard, the Pioneers reeled off four straight goals to take a 5-1 lead. Jessica Lillquist broke the tie, and Fileti grabbed her second at the 24:17 mark. Mckenzie Hessel added a third on a free position goal, and Jenny Estes score the first of her three on the day for a 5-1 advantage.

Two goals from Maura Stack brought the Owls to within 5-3, and the teams traded the next six goals until the Pioneers closed the half with a free position goal from MK Pasini and Fileti's fourth of the game, set up by Hessel, for a 10-6 lead at halftime.

The Owls came out on fire to start the second half, scoring the first four goals of the stanza and tying the score at 10. Genna Raffaelo started the streak, and Nicole DiPilato, Lee Meskevich, and Maura Stack all found the net in the scoring burst.

Fileti put Smith in front for good by scoring the next three goals, the second of which put her into 100 goal territory. Jessica Lillquist and Jenny Estes made it 15-10 with 21:53 to play, but the Owls would not go away, getting goals from DiPilato, Amanda Bouchard, Ronica Proulx, and Meskevich to cut the lead to 15-14.

Yet another goal from Fileti restored a two goal margin with 3:49 to play, and Hessle gave Smith some breathing room with an unassisted tally with 15 seconds remaining. Alina Pechacek had another outstanding game in net, making 11 saves. Hannah Joyce played 48:28 in net for Westfield State, making 13 saves, while Jill Robinson made one save in 11:32 of action.

Stack scored five times for the Owls, while Meskevich, Bouchard, and DiPilato found the net twice. Estes finished with a hat trick for Smith, while Hessel scored twice and Becky Bracken and Pasini each netted once.

Smith will finish up a set of three straight home games when they host Elms College on March 29 at 4:30 p.m. Westfield State will play a non-conference game at Norwich University on March 29 at 4 p.m.

*Westfield State head coach Greg Styles instructs his team during a timeout.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

*Senior Jenna Tasse earned All-New England honors by placing third in the 50 freestyle and eighth in the 100 individual medley. She also was a member of four school record-setting relay teams.*

*Junior Kirsten LaMotte set three breaststroke school records and was a member of four school-record setting relay teams.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

# Owls Place 8th At New England Swim Finals

## *LaMotte, Tasse Pace Westfield To Seven School Records*

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt. – The Westfield State University women's swimming and diving team set seven school records in placing eighth at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming & Diving Association (NEISDA) championships this past weekend (Feb. 17-19).

Westfield compiled 538.5 points in the 22-team championships that was won by Bentley College.

Westfield's top swimmers were junior Kirsten LaMotte (Amherst) and senior Jenna Tasse (Sturbridge). LaMotte set three individual school records and was a member of four record-setting relay squads.

"Kirsten and Jenna swam very well," said veteran head coach David Laing. "In fact, everyone swam well for us; there were many personal bests. It was a good meet for us."

LaMotte, a transfer from Sacred Heart University, established new school standards in the 50 breaststroke (5th place, 32.15), 100 breaststroke (9th place, 1:09.95), and 200 breaststroke (16th place, 2:35.22).

LaMotte also was a member of the school record-setting 200 medley relay (6th place, 1:55.30), 200 freestyle relay(11th place, 1:44.96), 400 medley relay (8th place, 4:15.33), and 400 freestyle relay (13th, 3:50.66) squads.

Tasse was Westfield's highest finisher, placing third in the 50 freestyle with a 25.20 clocking. She recorded a time of 25.15 in the preliminaries. Tasse also earned All-New England honors by placing eighth in the 100 individual medley (1:03.89) and was 10th in the 100 freestyle (55.4). In addition, she was a member of all four record-setting relays.

Freshman Laura Sauriol (Monson) and junior Katie Cox (South Hadley) completed the 200 medley, 400 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams, and Sauriol and senior Lauren Connolly (Lakeville) swam on the 200 freestyle relay.

Cox garnered All-New England honors by placing seventh in the 100 individual medley (1:03.80). Sauriol finished ninth in the 50 backstroke (30.05).

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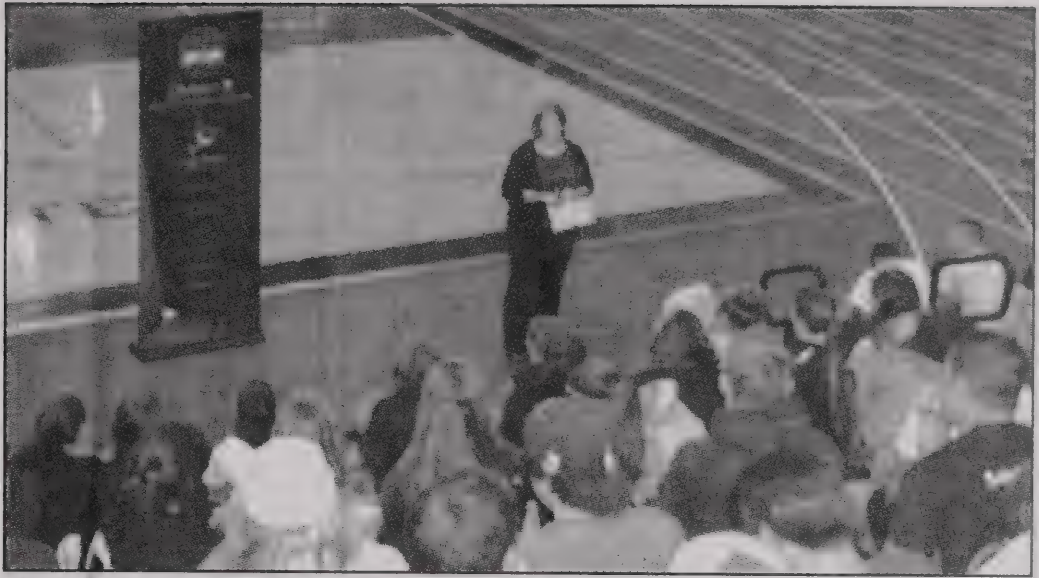

*Nicole West of the Westfield State academic achievement center make a presentation to several hundred student-athletes during the NCAA Division III week.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

# Owls host successful NCAA D-III Week

The Westfield State University athletics department concluded the inaugural NCAA Division III Week on Sunday, April 15. The department honored athletes last week for their accomplishments on the playing field, in the classroom and in the community.

"The Westfield State athletics department was happy to sponsor a variety of activities during the first observance of the NCAA Division III Week, held April 9-15, 2012," said Associate Athletics Director Nany Bals, organizer of the events. "We raised money for the Westfield Cancer House of Hope, brought awareness to breast cancer, and participated in key community service activities. Division III week was a great success for student-athletes at Westfield."

Along with Carlton Pickron, vice president of academic affairs at Westfield State. the athletics department honored All-America and all-conference winter sports athletes at halftime of last Thursday's women's lacrosse game.

*The Westfield State competition cheer squad, along with the national qualifiers and all-conference selections for the Owl winter sports teams, were recognized at halftime of the women's lacrosse game on April 14.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

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BUZZARDS BAY – Brittany Dussault of Chicopee was named to the 2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Softball All-Conference Team on May 3.

The Westfield State University (WSU) catcher led the team's regulars with a .449 batting average, .486 on base percentage and .565 slugging percentage while driving in 18 runs. She was also nearly perfect defensively, posting a 1.000 fielding percentage while gunning down six potential base stealers.

In baseball, Westfield State University's (WSU) Josh Blair of Westfield and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts' Daniel Gaines of Holyoke garnered second team honors.

Blair was second on the Owls roster with a .356 batting average while knocking in a team-high 28 RBIs.

Blair also batted .500 (4-for-8) during the tournament to earn a spot on the MASCAC baseball weekly honor roll on May 6.

Gaines was the Trailblazers' workhorse pitcher, throwing 63 innings in 13 appearances this season with a 4.00 ERA and 40 strikeouts, while posting a 5-5 record with one save for a team that won 14 games all season.

### Schrutt named NEWLA Goalkeeper of the Year

ATTLEBORO– Elms College senior goalkeeper Rachel Schrutt of Chicopee, playing her first season of collegiate lacrosse, was named the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) Goalkeeper of the Year, Rookie of the Year and First Team All-NEWLA as announced by the league on May 3.

In eight league games, Schrutt registered 134 saves and ranked third in the conference with a .511 save percentage. In addition to her abilities in the net, Schrutt picked up 37 groundballs and caused eight turnovers. Schrutt is currently ranked second on the Blazers' all-time saves list with 236.

### Dorsey garners NEWMAC second team honors

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield College's Kelly Gallo of Westfield took home New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Women's Lacrosse All-Conference first-team honors.

Starting in all 18 games, Gallo had a breakout year on attack for the Pride, tallying 54 points on 40 goals and 14 helpers. A very consistent player, Gallo scored a goal in every game this season and had 10 games with at least three points. She previously earned NEWMAC All-Conference honors this fall for field hockey.

### Madera earns All-New England track honors

BUZZARDS BAY – Zack Madera, a sophomore from Southwick on the WSU track team, earned Division III All-New England honors with a fourth place finish in the 100 meters (11.11 seconds) while adding additional Division III All-New England honors as a member of the third place 4x100 meter relay squad (42.67) for the Owls at Division III New England Championships.

With the accomplishments, Madera was named MASCAC Men's Outdoor Track Co-Athlete of the Week.

### Asselin, Clarn honored by NE-10

SPRINGFIELD – Sophomores Dan Asselin of Chicopee and Dave Clark of West Springfield were placed on the Northeast-10 Baseball Honor Roll for their performances for the American International College men's baseball team during the week of April 23 through 29.

Asselin batted .500 (8-16) with two doubles, one triple, three RBI and four runs scored while slugging .750, while Clark batted .400 (8-20) with three doubles, one homer, six RBI and five runs scored and slugged .700.

Clark followed up the award-winning week with a two home run performance in a 10-3 AIC win over Bloomfield College on May 3. Clark went 4-for-5 with three RBIs and three runs scored. Asselin was 1-for-3 with a triple and a run scored.

### Hampton strong in quarterfinals, but Elms falls in semifinals

CHICOPEE – Elms College softball's senior pitcher Courtney Hampton of Westfield tossed a gem in the circle, surrendering just two hits while striking out 10 batters as the fourth-seeded Blazers outlasted No. 5 Bay Path College 1-0 a New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) Championship tournament quarter final game on May 2.

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# Quidditch the newest sweeping sensation at Westfield State

**Alexandra Davy**
Voice Reporter

On Saturday, October 22, the newly formed Westfield State University club Qudditch team participated in its first ever tournament. Though the players may not soar around in the air like in the Harry Potter series

also run into the field and act as a fourth Chaser, but this leaves the goal vulnerable and is not usually a favored task.

The Snitch in this

a break, he or she gets one, and the Seeker must wait. If the Snitch falls down, the Seeker must give them a minute to get up and get moving again.

teams were impressed with how well the Owls worked together to move the Quaffle across the field, tackle out opposing team members, effectively use

and the teams launched into the final game of the day.

Thanks to freshman Jim Madigan, Westfield University scored its first ever goal in a formal match.

The final score of the game was 80-10 (each goal being 10 points), and despite Glennie's intense pursuit of a much larger and stronger Snitch, it

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**Top 7 Halloween TV Movies**

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2. Halloweentown
3. Casper
4. Hocus Pocus
5. Addams Family
6. Double, Double, Toil and Trouble
7. Tower of Terror

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**Matt Ellis**
Voice Reporter

Birthed from the cafés and clubs of Chicago, Poetry Slams have been a format of competitive artistic expression since the early 1980s.

Over the past 30 years these competitions have spread around the world.

Now they are not only found in populated cities.

They've made their way onto college campuses.

Westfield State University has picked up the phenomenon.

Though the history of Poetry Slams here at WSU goes back more than half a decade to when poetry professor Stephen Sossaman ran them, the events

got a recent makeover.

After a year hiatus due to Sossaman's absence four years ago, the slams started back up thanks to student persistence.

After two semesters slam-free, students petitioned Leah Nielsen, the new poetry professor at WSU, to revive them.

With the English Department sponsoring the events, she got the ball rolling, but she still admits she "had to study up on them" and learn the history of this form of poetry.

After learning of their urban and inner-city roots however, she felt that the English Department sponsorship institutionalized the urban-based competitions, so she reached out to the Urban

Education Department for help with incorporating diversity into the events.

More students got involved.

There were even students who had previously been schooled in the style.

Nielsen, with the help of students like Alan-Michael Chest and Meaghan Brennan (former co-presidents) among others, finally got an idea of how the events should be run.

The Slams are performed in a tier-style competition; the top scorers of each round advance towards the finals.

Scoring is dependent upon situation but generally performers are scored by five judges from zero to ten.

The highest and lowest scores are dropped,

giving the performers results between zero and 30.

In order to calibrate the judging scores, there is a "sacrificial poet" who slams before the competitors go on.

Last year I was not a part of the Slam Team but was fortunately allowed to be the sacrificial poet.

This year things have changed, though.

Along with Rachel Lareau, co-captain of the Poetry Club, I am hosting a Slam early next month.

On November 4th, from 7-9 PM in Scanlon Living Room there will be refreshments and prizes for winners of the competition.

Please consider checking out a night of passion and slamming, food and friendly people.

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## Upcoming WSU Home Games

**Saturday, December 10**

Women's Swimming vs. Plymouth State
@ 1:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Salve Regina
@ 1:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 13**

Women's Basketball vs. UMass Boston
@ 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 17**

Women's Basketball vs. Elms College
@ 1:00 p.m.

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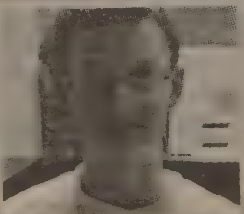

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# WSU rugby wins opener

**Stephen Felde**
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Owls men's rugby team traveled to Dudley, MA to take on Nichols College last Sunday afternoon.

After a grueling first half, the Owls picked things up in the second half and coasted to a 32-0 season opening victory.

For those who don't follow rugby or know much about it, there are two forty-minute halves of nonstop action. Rugby is full of running, physical contact and intense battles.

Scoring tries for Westfield were by Tom Stevens, Rob Schultz, Kevin Callahan, Leo Finnegan and John Hagerty who had two. Also, Conor Andry had an unbelievable conversion kick for the Owls.

It was an all around great effort by the team with everyone making contributions one way or another.

If anyone is interested in playing rugby, the team is always looking for new people to join the squad. Practices take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Stanley Park.

Westfield has a bye this Sunday, but will be playing their first home game of the season on Sunday, October 2nd at Alumni Field.

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# Westfield club rugby wins Division IV New England championsnhip

**Christopher McDaniel**
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State University men's club rugby team won the New England Rugby Federation Union Division IV championship over Nichols College last weekend.

The Owls eked out a close victory by scoring a try with only minutes left to break a 10-10 tie. That made the score 15-10 and the game would finish that way as the Owls finished their season as the undefeated champions.

Westfield early on looked as if they would breeze to another lopsided win jumping out to a 10-0 in the first half after two tries.

The score looked like it would go into the half that way but a Westfield penalty led to an opportunity for Nichols to attempt a penalty kick from in between the hash-marks from just 25 yards out of the end zone. Nichols made the kick just a few minutes before half and swayed the momentum slightly before half with the score 10-3 in favor of the Owls.

The momentum opened up strongly in the favor of Nichols. Nichols knotted the game up quickly after halftime with a blazing 50 yard run leading to a try. The conversion was successful and made the score 10-10.

The game would stay tied and dead even for the remainder of the game. Westfield had more chances than Nichols, but every attempt at a try was thwarted by Nichols.

Finally, Westfield scored the go-ahead and eventual game-winning try. Westfield had been knocking on the door of the end zone for a few minutes and pushed in the final try with less than five minutes left.

The Westfield players rushed the field and formed a mob at midfield. One player had a mini replica championship belt and yelled out, "We got the belt." Coach Dan Lancour also took the traditional gatorade shower after the game ended.

This was the second meeting between the two teams this year. Westfield won the first matchup handedly, 32-0. But Nichols had dramatically improved throughout the year and even took down the #1 seed in the postseason semi-finals, Colby-Sawyer.

Ball possession was dominated by Westfield in the first half, but the early second half momentum held by Nichols evened up the time of possession. Scrums in the game were dead even at 12 a piece. Line-out, an area of inconsistency for a near flawless Westfield team, were lost 15-8. Those line-out losses allowed Nichols to consistency stop the Owls from scoring attempts after penalties.

The Owls hadn't faced much difficulty all season until the championship. Nichols pushed the heavy favorites into a wall, but Westfield rallied and ended up the heavyweight champs.

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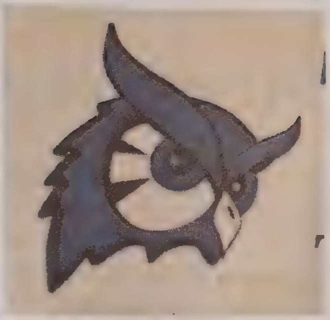

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## Upcoming WSU Home Games

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**Tuesday, December 6**

Men's Basketball vs. Western New England @ 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 8**

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Fitchburg State @ 7:35 p.m.

*Support your Owls!*

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# WSU men's rugby set for championship after win over Lasell

**Christopher McDaniel**
Voice Reporter

Nov. 18, 2011

The Westfield State University club rugby team advanced to the Division 4 New England Rugby Federation Union Finals with a 22-5 home win over the Lasell College Lasers last Saturday Night.

Although the Owls had to put on red pennies due to the difficulty distinguishing from the Lasers, there was little doubt who was the better team in this lopsided semi-final.

Westfield scored their first try at the 25:40 mark in the first half. It was set up by a Laser penalty that allowed Westfield to continually work towards the end zone.

Westfield won a scrum at the Lasell 20 yard line and scored off it moments later. Westfield missed the conversion to make the score 5-0.

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# Westfield club rugby wins Division IV New England champiosnhip

**Christopher McDaniel**
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State University men's club rugby team won the New England Rugby Federation Union Division IV championship over Nichols College last weekend.

The Owls eked out a close victory by scoring a try with only minutes left to break a 10-10 tie. That made the score 15-10 and the game would finish that way as the Owls finished their season as the undefeated champions.

Westfield early on looked as if they would breeze to another lopsided win jumping out to a 10-0 in the first half after two tries.

The score looked like it would go into the half that way but a Westfield penalty led to an opportunity for Nichols to attempt a penalty kick from in between the hash-marks from just 25 yards out of the end zone. Nichols made the kick just a few minutes before half and swayed the momentum slightly before half with the score 10-3 in favor of the Owls.

The momentum opened up strongly in the favor of Nichols. Nichols knotted the game up quickly after halftime with a blazing 50 yard run leading to a try. The conversion was successful and made the score 10-10.

The game would stay tied and dead even for the remainder of the game. Westfield had more chances than Nichols, but every attempt at a try was thwarted by Nichols.

Finally, Westfield scored the go-ahead and eventual game-winning try. Westfield had been knocking on the door of the end zone for a few minutes and pushed in the final try with less than five minutes left.

The Westfield players rushed the field and formed a mob at midfield. One player had a mini replica championship belt and yelled out, "We got the belt." Coach Dan Lancour also took the traditional gatorade shower after the game ended.

This was the second meeting between the two teams this year. Westfield won the first matchup handedly, 32-0. But Nichols had dramatically improved throughout the year and even took down the #1 seed in the postseason semi-finals, Colby-Sawyer.

Ball possession was dominated by Westfield in the first half, but the early second half momentum held by Nichols evened up the time of possession. Scrums in the game were dead even at 12 a piece. Line-out, an area of inconsistency for a near flawless Westfield team, were lost 15-8. Those line-out losses allowed Nichols to consistency stop the Owls from scoring attempts after penalties.

The Owls hadn't faced much difficulty all season until the championship. Nichols pushed the heavy favorites into a wall, but Westfield rallied and ended up the heavyweight champs.

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# WSU men's rugby set for championship after win over Lasell

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Voice Reporter

The Westfield State University club rugby team advanced to the Division 4 New England Rugby Federation Union Finals with a 22-5 home win over the Lasell College Lasers last Saturday Night.

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# Owls take NERFU crown

## *Westfield State tops Nichols for Rugby championship*

By **PETER FRANCIS**
***Intern***

WESTFIELD – On the warmest day of the month, as many of the area spring sports squads held their first outdoor practices, the rugby team at Westfield State lifted a trophy to its collective lips at the Woodward Center Thursday, as the Owls were awarded the New England Rugby Football Union Division IV championship after defeating Nichols College.

Assorted athletic officials were on hand to congratulate the team on their title, which marks the first NERFU championship for the Owls, who have until this season been known as the Black Squirrels, a homage to the unique mammals that scurry around the WSU campus.

As a club sport, the rugby Owls aren't affiliated with the NCAA, but that doesn't mean that school officials aren't proud of these birds in blue.

"We're proud of the rugby team, as they've exhibited a lot of dedication on the field, and class off it," said Richard Lenfest, the Director of Athletics at Westfield State. "We're proud to have another champion here at Westfield."

Since forming in 2008, the Owls/ Black Squirrels have grown from a motley crew of weekend warriors to champions.

"There were a lot of growing pains," said senior Zach Graves, a native of South Boston, who was one of the team's founding members. "Coming from last season when we won our first playoff game, to this as seniors, it's unreal."

After finishing the 2011 season with a perfect 5-0 record, the Owls blitzed division IV central rival Wesleyan of Middletown, Connecticut in the first round, leading up to a showdown with south division rival Lasell College of Newton, who sat at 5-0 themselves in the regular season. In an exciting, physical contest, the Owls beamed the Lasers out of the tournament en route to a championship match against perennial power Nichols College of Dudley, who finished beneath WSU in the standings at 3-1-1.

The Owls' physicality, discipline and desire proved to be too much as they stormed past the Bison in the finals en route to their first NERFU title, which for seniors like Graves and Brent Bell, it was the perfect way to go out in style.

"It definitely means a lot," said Bell, a senior flat half from Marshfield who served as captain this season. "When I got here, there was no team. All I wanted was to leave with a team on campus, and we ended up with a championship. That's what dedication and determination gets you."

Some of the team's younger players are also thrilled with the victory, but are intensely focused at the same time.

"After last season, we (the younger players) realized what we had to do to win more tournament games," said sophomore Jake Tannian of Haverhill. "Fall came this year, and we just kept winning."

"It all started with coach," said junior wing John Hagerty of Abington. "We stayed focused and took it week by week."

The coach in reference is first year man Dan Lancourt, a resident of Agawam, and a Westfield State alum. Lancourt got into rugby 8 years ago when he was asked to play for the Springfield Rugby Club, of which he has captained twice during his tenure with the organization.

When asked of his team's season, Lancourt was bashful.

"The groundwork was already laid by the previous coaching regime," Lancourt said. "The boys already had the skills. I just helped to expand the playbook and tweak the basics a bit."

Coach Lancourt praised the efforts of his seniors. "Our veteran leadership was a major strength," he said. "We had guys who had knowledge of the game, understood the game, showed up to play when it counted. All the hard work and muddy days and turf burns made us a championship team. I'm proud of these guys."

So what awaits the Owls?

Westfield State starts up again at the end of March, with games on the 30th and 31st at Westfield State's Alumni Field. But a bit of uncertainty awaits this band of "ruggers."

"We're going to begin next season by moving up to Division Three," Hagerty said, meaning the Owls would be facing off against the likes of Salve Regina, Roger Williams, Bryant and Wheaton, just to name a few. "But our goal is the same. To bring another trophy back to Westfield."

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# Women's Swimming & Diving Schedule

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sunday | Oct. 30 | at Simmons | 1:00 |
| Saturday | Nov. 5 | at Wellesley Relays | 1:00 |
| Wednesday | Nov. 9 | at Mount Holyoke | 7:00 |
| Saturday | Nov. 12 | at Mass Dartmouth Invitational | 12:00 |
| Saturday | Nov. 19 | at Smith | 1:00 |
| **Wednesday** | **Nov. 30** | **WESTERN NEW ENGLAND** | **7:00** Home |
| Saturday | Dec. 3 | Little East Championships | 11:00 a.m. |
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| **Saturday** | **Jan. 21** | **BRIDGEWATER STATE** | **1:00** Home |
| Saturday | Jan. 28 | at Saint Joseph, CT | 1:00 |
| **Saturday** | **Feb. 4** | **WESTERN CONNECTICUT** | **1:00** Home |
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| Sunday | Feb. 12 | New England Diving Championships at UMass Dartmouth | |
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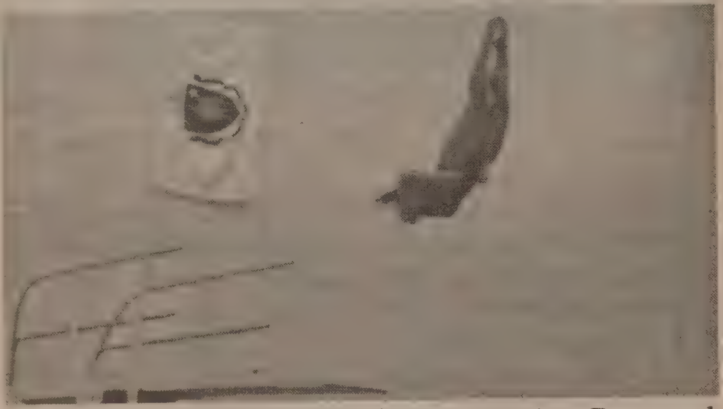

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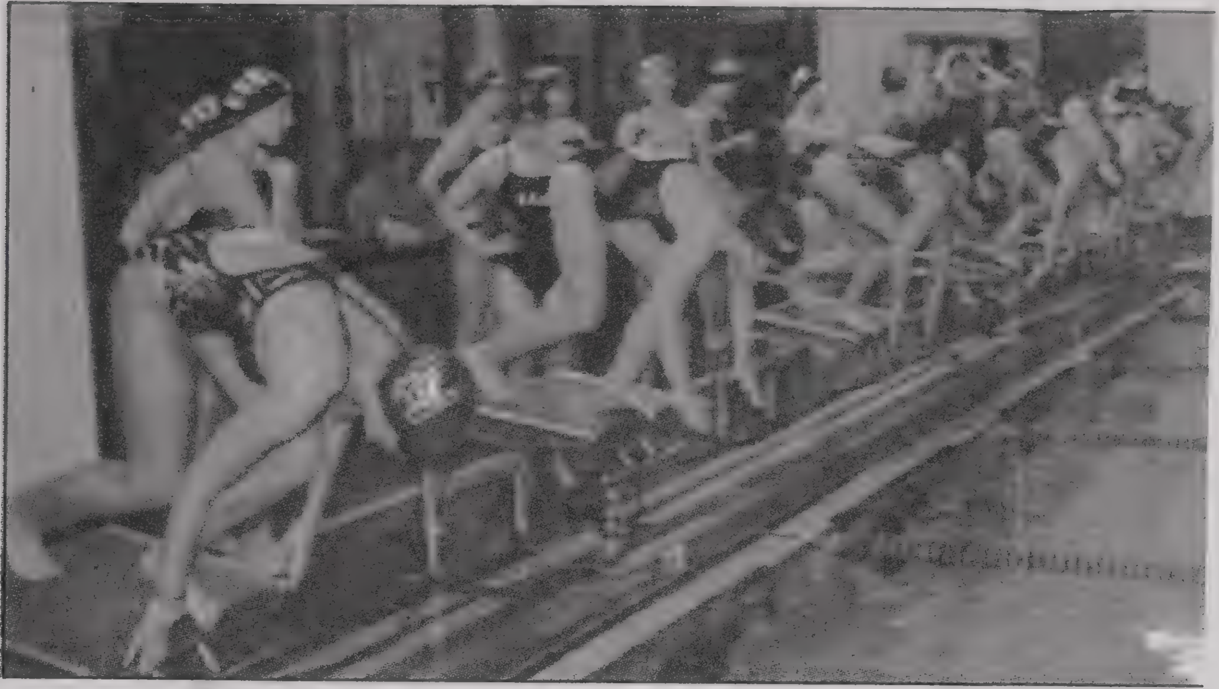

*Westfield and Bridgewater swimmers take off at the start of the 200 freestyle relay.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

# Owls Back In Pool; Best Bears, 145-121

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University women's swimming and diving team opened the spring semester portion of its schedule with a 145-121 victory over Bridgewater State University on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Westfield improves its dual meet record to 3-2 while Bridgewater drops to 4-8.

Junior Katie Cox of South Hadley was the only double winner; she finished first in the 200 freestyle (2:09.00) and 100 freestyle (59.85). Cox also swam the third leg on the winning 200 medley relay team that included Laura Sauriol, Kirsten LaMotte and Jenna Tasse.

Also placing first for the Owls were: Amand Labriola (50 backstroke, 32.16), LaMotte (50 breast stroke, 33.67), Tasse (50 freestyle, 25.93), Kim Schmic (1-meter diving, 267.80 points), Jess Lindsay (10 backstroke, 1:09.80), and Lauren Connolly(100 breas stroke, 1:20.74).

Finishing first for the Bears were Chelsea Nolan i the 1,000 freestyle (11:45.60), Kristen Carey (500 fre style, 5:44.23), Rhiannon White (100 butterfl 1:08.98), Renee Marcos (50 butterfly) and Kendi Perry (100 individual medley).

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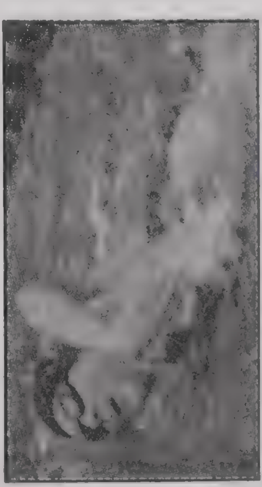
# Westfield Sinks Saint Joseph, 162-107

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. – The Westfield State University women's swimming and diving team defeated Saint Joseph College, 162-107, on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The Owls raised their record to 4-3 with one dual meet remaining in the regular season on Saturday, Feb. 4, when they host Western Connecticut State. The Senior Day meet begins at 1:00 p.m.

Westfield finished first in 11 events. Double winners were senior Kate Werner (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle), senior Jenna Tasse (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle), and junior Kirsten LaMotte (50 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke). Tasse and LaMotte were members of the winning 200 individual medley relay team along with Katie Cox and Laura Sariol, who finished a close second in the 200 freestyle and 200 backstroke.

Cox placed first in the 50 backstroke. Also finishing first were Nikki Brunyak (1000 freestyle, Kim Schmidt (diving) and Amanda Labriola (200 backstroke).



*Senior Kate Werner was a double winner vs. Saint Joseph College of West Hartford, Conn., touching the wall first in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

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# Schmidt Selected LEC Diver of the Week

Westfield State University senior Kim Schmidt (Longmeadow) was named the Little East Conference diver of the week for the second straight week.

Schmidt swept the events in the diving well against Plymouth State this past Saturday. She captured the one meter (256.90) and three meter (255.40) in a dual meet against the Panthers.

Schmidt also was the diver of the week Dec. 3 when she won the diving events at the Little East Conference championships for the second straight year.

Schmidt broke her own meet record at the conference championships on the one-meter board with a total score of 249.25, putting an additional 2.75 points between the previous mark. Schmidt also captured the high plank with a score of 244.05 points.

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KIRSTEN LAMOTTE

# Simmons Sinks WSU

BOSTON – The Westfield State University women's swimming and diving team dropped a close 150-144 to Simmons College on Wednesday.

Kirsten LaMotte was a triple winner for the Owls, touching the wall first in the 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke and 100 individual medley. Kim Schmidt placed first in both diving events. Also finishing first were Amanda Labriola (50 backstroke) and Laura Sauriol(100 backstroke).

# Westfield State Sinks Western New England

WESTFIELD, Mass. – The Westfield State University women's swimming and diving team defeated Western New England University, 138-115, in its home opener on Wednesday.

There were four double winners for Westfield: junior Jenna Tasse (100 freestyle, 50 freestyle), junior Kirsten LaMotte (50 breaststroke 100 breaststroke), freshman Amanda Labriola (100 backstroke, 50 backstroke), and junior Katie Cox (1000 freestyle, 100 butterfly).

Also finishing first for the Owls were: Kim Schmidt (one-meter diving), Kate Werner (200 freestyle), and the 200 medley relay ofLaura Sauriol, LaMotte, Cox, and Tasse.

Westfield returns to action this Saturday, Dec. 3, when it competes in the Little East Conference championships at UMass Dartmouth. The championship meet will be video streamed live.

*Westfield freshman Amanda Labriola won both the 50 backstroke and 100 backstroke in the home opener vs. Western New England.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

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# Westfield State dunks Plymouth Stat

## *Katie Cox Is Triple Winner And Member of Winning Relay Squad*

WESTFIELD, Mass. – The Westfield State University women's swimming and diving team defeated Plymouth State University, 164-113, on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10.

Junior Katie Cox of South Hadley, Mass. (Holyoke Catholic HS) was a triple winner for the Owls, finishing first in the 200 freestyle, 100 butterfly, and 500 freestyle.

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*Junior Kirsten LaMotte won the 50 breaststroke and the 100 breaststroke.* (Photo by Micke Curtis)

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# for NCAA diving championships

Westfield State University senior diver Kim Schmidt will be competing in the NCAA Division III swimming and diving national championships on March 21-24 at the Indiana Natatorium in Indianapolis, Ind.

This will be Schmidt's first appearance in the NCAA championships after capturing the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association's (NEISDA) one and three meter diving championships for four consecutive years.

Schmidt set school and NEISDA records in both events this year with scores of 449.45 points (one meter diving) and 434.05 points (three meter diving).

"I think if she dives well that she has a good chance to finish in the top eight, that's our goal," said Westfield State veteran head coach Dave Laing, who was an All-America diver at Springfield College.

"Her scores this year on the low board were particularly good. If she can duplicate what she did at New Englands I think she can place high."

A total of 22 divers qualified for the NCAA Division III championships. The women's one meter diving is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, and the three meter finals are Saturday, March 24.

"I think Kim will be a little nervous since this is her first time there but I just told her to dive well, have fun and enjoy the total championship experience," said Laing. "Kim is excited about being there and it's a chance for her to finally compete and find out what she can do. That's the neat part."

Schmidt will be the second Westfield State diver participate in the NCAA Division III championships. Pittsfield native Lori Vincent was a six-time national qualifier and three-time All-America, including an eighth place on the one meter board her senior year in 1991.

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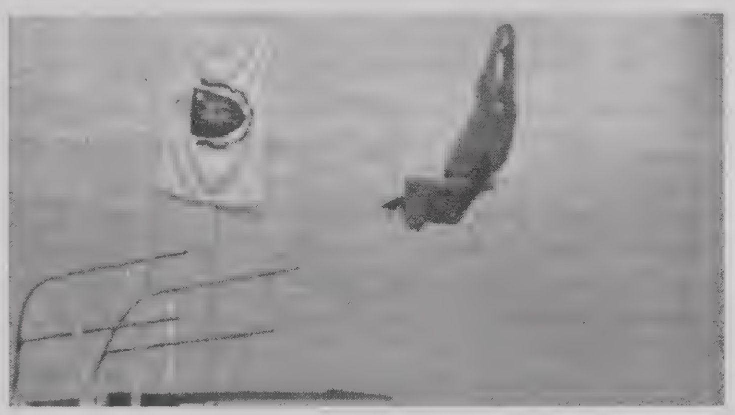

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*Articles by Mickey Curtis, published on the Westfield State University Athletic's webpage*

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# Westfield State swim team at championships

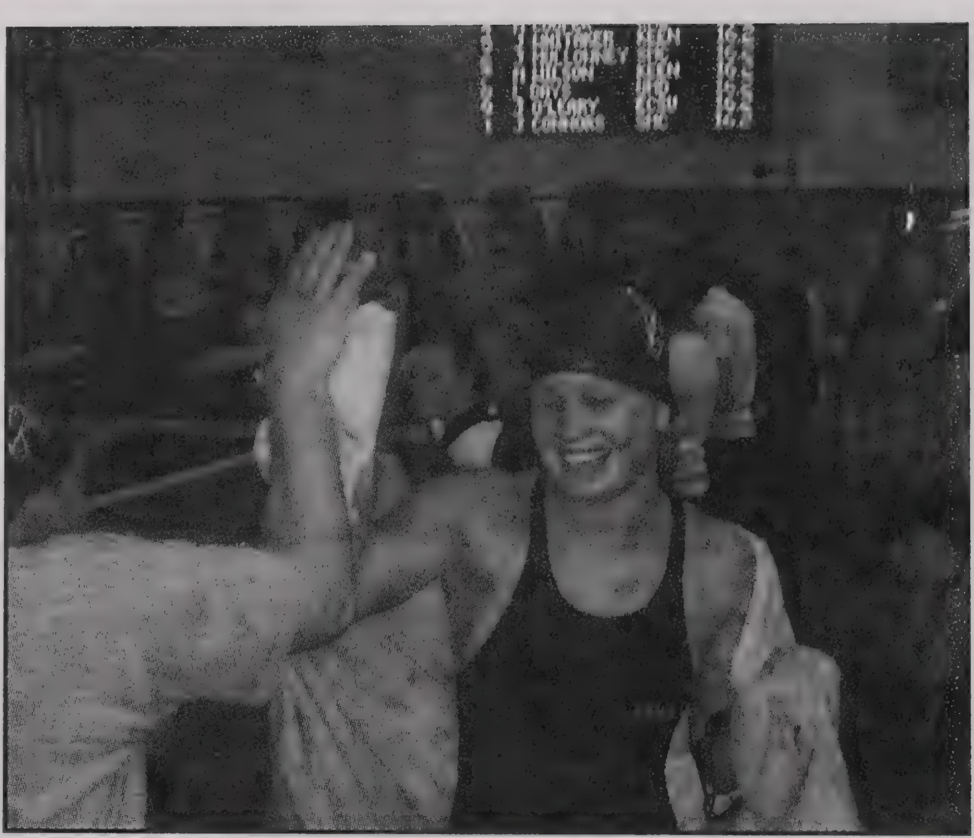
*Kimi Schmidt, pictured above, took first in both the 1 and 3 meter diving.* (Submitted photo)

By LAUREN CONNOLLY
*Intern*

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University women's swim team headed to the Upper Valley Aquatics Center in White River Junction Vermont this past weekend for the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association Championships.

The girls started the swim meet off Friday morning with the preliminaries and set three Westfield State University school records. The 200 free relay team, consisting of senior Lauren Connolly, junior Kirsten LaMotte, freshman Laura Sauriol, and senior Jenna Tasse broke the first record of the meet with a finishing time of 1:45.50. LaMotte broke the 50 breaststroke record with a time of 31.92. The third university school record that was also broken was the 400 Medley Relay consisted of Sauriol, LaMotte, Junior Katie Cox, and senior Jenna Tasse, finishing with a time of 4:15.33.

Also taking first and setting records for the Westfield State swimming and diving team last weekend at UMass Dartmouth was senior Kimi Schmidt, from Longmeadow. Schmidt took first in 1 meter and 3 meter diving while setting meet records for both events as well.



*Junior Kirsten LaMotte celebrates after setting the Westfield State University 50 breastst school record .* (Submitted photo)

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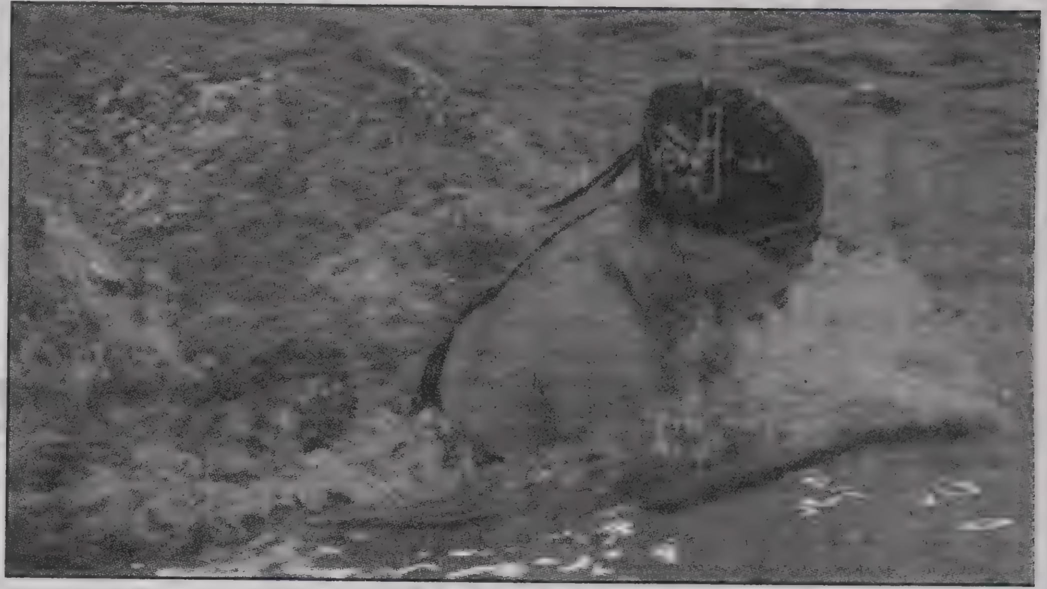

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# Owls Place 8th At New England Swim Finals

## *LaMotte, Tasse Pace Westfield To Seven School Records*

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt. – The Westfield State University women's swimming and diving team set seven school records in placing eighth at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming & Diving Association (NEISDA) championships this past weekend (Feb. 17-19).

Westfield compiled 538.5 points in the 22-team championships that was won by Bentley College.

Westfield's top swimmers were junior Kirsten LaMotte (Amherst) and senior Jenna Tasse (Sturbridge). LaMotte set three individual school records and was a member of four record-setting relay squads.

"Kirsten and Jenna swam very well," said veteran head coach David Laing. "In fact, everyone swam well for us; there were many personal bests. It was a good meet for us."

LaMotte, a transfer from Sacred Heart University, established new school standards in the 50 breaststroke (5th place, 32.15), 100 breaststroke (9th place, 1:09.95), and 200 breaststroke (16th place, 2:35.22).

LaMotte also was a member of the school record-setting 200 medley relay (6th place, 1:55.30), 200 freestyle relay(11th place, 1:44.96), 400 medley relay (8th place. 4:15.33), and 400 freestyle relay (13th, 3:50.66) squads.

Tasse was Westfield's highest finisher, placing third in the 50 freestyle with a 25.20 clocking. She recorded a time of 25.15 in the preliminaries. Tasse also earned All-New England honors by placing eighth in the 100 individual medley (1:03.89) and was 10th in the 100 freestyle (55.4). In addition, she was a member of all four record-setting relays.

Freshman Laura Sauriol (Monson) and junior Katie Cox (South Hadley) completed the 200 medley, 400 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams, and Sauriol and senior Lauren Connolly (Lakeville) swam on the 200 freestyle relay.

Cox garnered All-New England honors by placing seventh in the 100 individual medley (1:03.80). Sauriol finished ninth in the 50 backstroke (30.05).

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**KATIE STERPKA**
*Rookie diver of the year*

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# WSU senior Schmidt qualifies for NCAA diving championships

Westfield State University senior diver Kim Schmidt will be competing in the NCAA Division III swimming and diving national championships on March 21-24 at the Indiana Natatorium in Indianapolis, Ind.

This will be Schmidt's first appearance in the NCAA championships after capturing the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association's (NEISDA) one and three meter diving championships for four consecutive years.

Schmidt set school and NEISDA records in both events this year with scores of 449.45 points (one meter diving) and 434.05 points (three meter diving).

"I think if she dives well that she has a good chance to finish in the top eight, that's our goal," said Westfield State veteran head coach Dave Laing, who was an All-America diver at Springfield College.

"Her scores this year on the low board were particularly good. If she can duplicate what she did at New Englands I think she can place high."

A total of 22 divers qualified for the NCAA Division III championships. The women's one meter diving is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, and the three meter finals are Saturday, March 24.

"I think Kim will be a little nervous since this is her first time there but I just told her to dive well, have fun and enjoy the total championship experience," said Laing. "Kim is excited about being there and it's a chance for her to finally compete and find out what she can do. That's the neat part."

Schmidt will be the second Westfield State diver participate in the NCAA Division III championships. Pittsfield native Lori Vincent was a six-time national qualifier and three-time All-America, including an eighth place on the one meter board her senior year in 1991.

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*Articles by Mickey Curtis, published on the Westfield State University Athletic's webpage*

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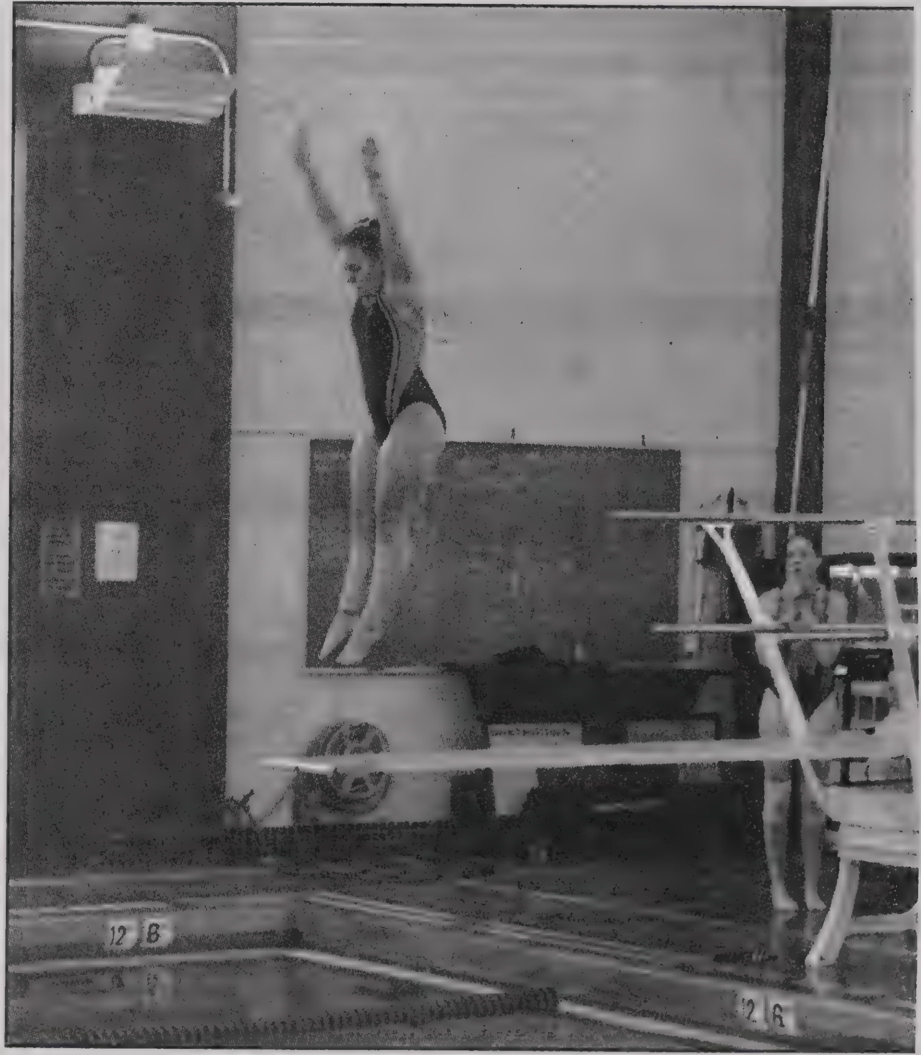
*Westfield State indoor track runner Brendan Corcoran.* (Photo courtesy of WSU)



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Sterpka produced a third place performance on the one-meter board with a total score of 361.15 points, while finishing fourth on the higher plank (328.7).

She helped provide the 1-2 scoring punch for Westfield State at the Little East Championships. Sterpka placed second on the one-meter with 211.42 points and second on the three-meter board with 184.05 points.

She secured Little East Rookie Diver of the Week honors twice during her first collegiate season.

"Katie, as a freshman, had a great role model this season in Kim," said Laing. "We obviously have a big hole with Kim graduating, but we're hopeful that Katie can step up for us and fill that gap."

Whitaker is making her second appearance as a conference major award winner afte earning the top rookie swimme honor in 2009.

The senior from Guilford N.H. is the third Keene Stat swimmer to win the top swimmer award, joining Kayla Umbarger (2011) and Kristine Trutor (2009, 2010).

Whitaker made her debu as an individual competitor an third overall appearance at th NCAA Division III Men's an Women's Swimming and Diving Championships this winte qualifying in the 100 breaststroke event.

She placed 20th overal in the national field after touching the wall at one minute, 6.1 seconds.

Whitaker earned the Ne England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Associatio (NEISDA) Senior-High Poin Award for her performance during the three-day meet.

She established tw NEISDA and Keene State records in the 50 and 100 breaststroke events.

Whitaker captured th 50 breaststroke by tripping th timer at 26.59 seconds, whil posting the sixth fastest time i Division III in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.98).

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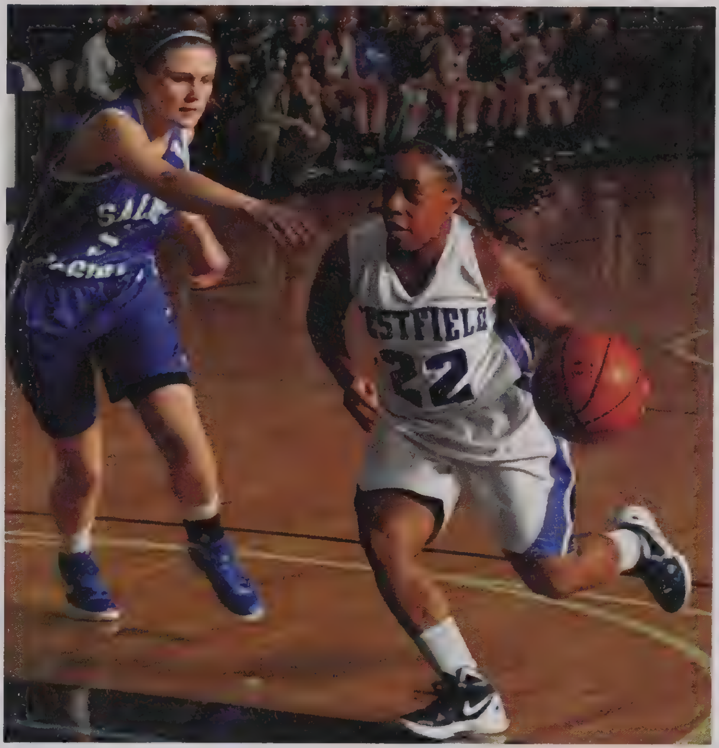
# Women's Basketball



*Senior point guard Janae Jones*

## UMass Boston
## Westfield State University
## December 13, 2011

**Massachusetts State Collegiate**
**Athletic Conference**

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## Westfield State University 2011-2012 Women's Basketball Roster

| NO. | NAME | CL | POS | HT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Jen Ashton | FR | Guard | 5-6 | Beverly |
| 5 | Angela Paterson ** | JR | Guard | 5-8 | Nantucket |
| 10 | Brianna Martinez | FR | Forward | 5-8 | Leominster |
| 12 | Sinely Vegerano | FR | Guard | 5-2 | Springfield (Cathedral) |
| 20 | Nicole Johnson | FR | Guard | 5-6 | Feeding Hills (Agawam) |
| 21 | Briana Kelly ** | JR | Guard | 5-7 | Hampden (Minnechaug Regional) |
| 22 | Janae Jones *** | SR | Guard | 4-11 | Springfield (Minnechaug Regional) |
| 23 | Courtney Kegresse * | JR | Guard | 5-9 | Adams (Hoosac Valley) |
| 24 | Stephanie White * | SR | Guard | 5-5 | Easthampton |
| 25 | Jenny Bell ** | JR | Guard | 5-7 | Northampton |
| 32 | Sarah Raftery | FR | Guard | 5-7 | Barkhamsted, CT (Northwestern Regional #7) |
| 33 | Danielle Perkins | FR | Guard | 5-7 | Woburn |
| 34 | Molly Waitt | FR | Guard | 5-8 | Melrose (Austin Prep) |
| 35 | Niccole LeBlanc | SO | Guard | 5-8 | East Falmouth (Falmouth) |
| 40 | Gabby Felix | FR | Center | 6-0 | Springfield (Commerce) |
| 42 | Claudia Pereira | JR | Center | 6-0 | Ludlow |
| 44 | Kelly O'Neill | JR | Forward | 5-11 | Bridgewater (Bridgewater Raynham) |

*** - Number of years played at Westfield State**

**Head Coach: Andrea Bertini, 7th year**

**Assistant Coaches: Ojae Beale, 4th year; Bill Couture, 4th year; Jack Zabek, 4th year**

**Captains: Jenny Bell, Janae Jones, Briana Kelly**

### MASCAC Women's Basketball Weekly Honor Roll

**Michaela Cosby, Bridgewater State (Jr., F, Walpole, Mass.)** – Averaged 13 points and six rebounds in 1-1 week for Bears, including 12 points, six boards and five assists in 57-56 victory at Saint Joseph's (Maine).

**Nicole Bostic, Framingham State (Fr., G, North Easton, Mass.)** – Scored 20 points, including the game-winning basket in overtime, and added five assists in Rams' 70-69 extra-session triumph over Curry.

**Kristen Federico, Salem State (Sr., C, Peabody, Mass.)** – Scored 16 points and grabbed six rebounds in Vikings' 91-65 victory over Anna Maria

**Jen Ashton, Westfield State (Fr., G, Beverly, Mass.)** – Averaged 11.7 points and 4.3 rebounds in 1-2 week for Owls, including 14 points, seven caroms, four assists and four steals in 57-46 victory at Lasell.

**Kaleigh Charette, Worcester State (Sr., G, Fairhaven, Mass.)** – Notched double-double effort of 20 points, 12 rebounds and five assists in Lancers' 67-55 victory at Trinity.

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**MASCAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week**

**Jen Ashton, Westfield State (Fr., G, Beverly, Mass.)** – Averaged 27 points, seven steals, and 5.5 assists in 2-0 week for Owls, including 29 points, nine steals and seven assists in 84-66 victory over Fitchburg State to go with 25 points, five thefts and four helpers in 74-67 victory at Salem State. Shot 60 percent (21-35) from field and canned five treys on week.

# Women's Basketball

**Freshman Guard Jen Ashton**
*MASCAC player of the week*
*School record - 92 steals in a season*
*Ranked 8th nationally in steals per game (4.6)*

# Worcester State University
# Westfield State University
# January 31, 2012

**Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference**
**Women's Basketball Standings (Through Games Played of January 29, 2012)**

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | GP | W | L | Pct. | GP | W | L | Pct. | Streak |
| Bridgewater State | 7 | 6 | 1 | .857 | 18 | 12 | 6 | .667 | Won 3 |
| Salem State | 7 | 5 | 2 | .714 | 20 | 9 | 11 | .450 | Lost 2 |
| MCLA | 6 | 3 | 3 | .500 | 19 | 10 | 9 | .526 | Won 1 |
| Westfield State | 7 | 3 | 4 | .429 | 20 | 10 | 10 | .500 | Won 2 |
| Worcester State | 7 | 3 | 4 | .429 | 20 | 9 | 11 | .450 | Won 1 |
| Fitchburg State | 7 | 2 | 5 | .286 | 19 | 14 | 5 | .737 | Lost 4 |
| Framingham State | 7 | 2 | 5 | .286 | 19 | 11 | 8 | .579 | Lost 1 |

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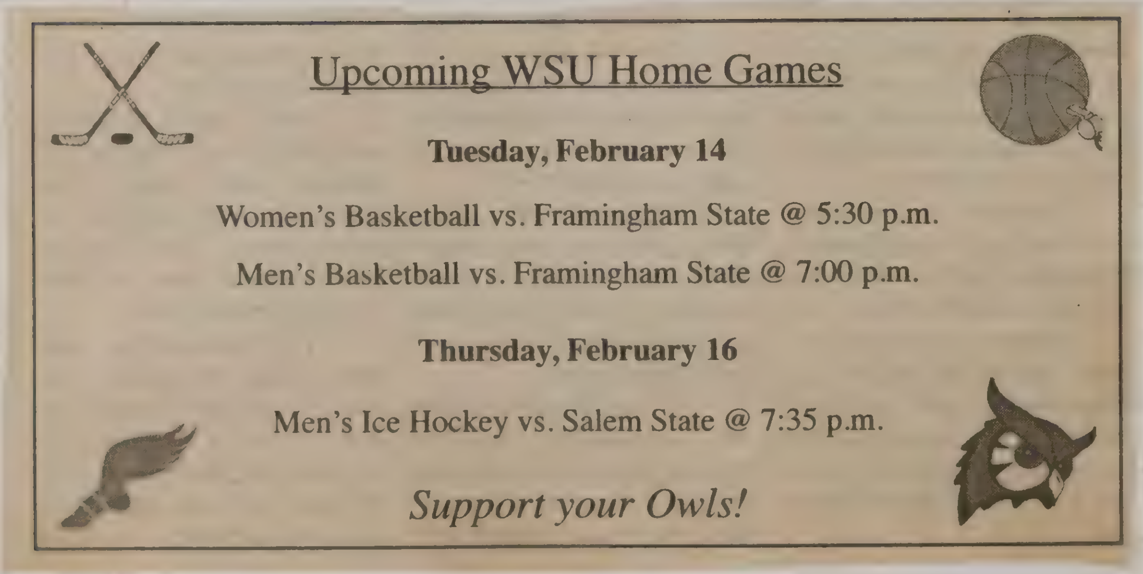

## Upcoming WSU Home Games

**Tuesday, February 14**

Women's Basketball vs. Framingham State @ 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Framingham State @ 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 16**

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Salem State @ 7:35 p.m.

*Support your Owls!*

# 2011-12 MASCAC Women's Basketball
# INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS
## Through games of Jan 29, 2012 (All games)

To be ranked, a player must appear in at least 75.0% of their team's games.

| | SCORING | Cl | G | FG | 3FG | FT | Pts | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 19 | 150 | 0 | 133 | 433 | 22.8 |
| 2. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 19 | 118 | 1 | 81 | 318 | 16.7 |
| 3. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 19 | 115 | 5 | 81 | 316 | 16.6 |
| 4. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 16 | 86 | 31 | 31 | 234 | 14.6 |
| 5. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 20 | 104 | 15 | 69 | 292 | 14.6 |
| 6. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 83 | 33 | 70 | 269 | 14.2 |
| 7. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 18 | 90 | 25 | 45 | 250 | 13.9 |
| 8. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 94 | 16 | 67 | 271 | 13.6 |
| 9. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 18 | 87 | 0 | 61 | 235 | 13.1 |
| 10. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 20 | 92 | 3 | 72 | 259 | 13.0 |
| 11. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 18 | 82 | 33 | 34 | 231 | 12.8 |
| 12. | Bridget Dullea-SSU | | 20 | 77 | 29 | 31 | 214 | 10.7 |
| 13. | Meaghan Burns-WOR | So | 20 | 81 | 0 | 48 | 210 | 10.5 |
| 14. | Laura Cote-FIT | So | 19 | 64 | 7 | 57 | 192 | 10.1 |
| | Nicole Bostic-FRA | Fr | 19 | 67 | 14 | 44 | 192 | 10.1 |
| 16. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 20 | 75 | 2 | 50 | 202 | 10.1 |
| 17. | Meaghan Secino-FIT | So | 19 | 64 | 39 | 15 | 182 | 9.6 |
| 18. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 17 | 50 | 0 | 52 | 152 | 8.9 |
| 19. | Gabby Felix-WES | Fr | 20 | 63 | 0 | 50 | 176 | 8.8 |
| 20. | Courtney Kegresse-WES | Jr | 19 | 63 | 39 | 1 | 166 | 8.7 |
| 21. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 20 | 60 | 0 | 46 | 166 | 8.3 |
| 22. | Monica Bharoocha-BSU | Sr | 18 | 60 | 0 | 25 | 145 | 8.1 |
| 23. | Angela Paterson-WES | Jr | 20 | 63 | 24 | 9 | 159 | 8.0 |
| 24. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 18 | 56 | 0 | 29 | 141 | 7.8 |
| 25. | Kia Minor-FRA | Jr | 16 | 49 | 1 | 23 | 122 | 7.6 |
| 26. | Meghan O'Keefe-WOR | Jr | 15 | 44 | 12 | 11 | 111 | 7.4 |
| 27. | Kara Rogers-WOR | Jr | 18 | 36 | 26 | 27 | 125 | 6.9 |
| 28. | Molly Waitt-WES | Fr | 19 | 47 | 10 | 18 | 122 | 6.4 |
| 29. | Kaitlyn Chenevert-MCL | So | 19 | 51 | 1 | 18 | 121 | 6.4 |
| 30. | Janae Jones-WES | Sr | 20 | 45 | 16 | 19 | 125 | 6.3 |

| | REBOUNDING | Cl | G | Off | Def | Total | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 17 | 72 | 152 | 224 | 13.2 |
| 2. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 19 | 99 | 127 | 226 | 11.9 |
| 3. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 19 | 74 | 110 | 184 | 9.7 |
| 4. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 20 | 64 | 103 | 167 | 8.4 |
| 5. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 18 | 57 | 88 | 145 | 8.1 |
| 6. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 19 | 48 | 103 | 151 | 7.9 |
| 7. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 20 | 65 | 90 | 155 | 7.8 |
| 8. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 18 | 33 | 101 | 134 | 7.4 |
| 9. | Gabby Felix-WES | Fr | 20 | 50 | 90 | 140 | 7.0 |
| 10. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 20 | 50 | 86 | 136 | 6.8 |
| 11. | Meghan O'Keefe-WOR | Jr | 15 | 24 | 77 | 101 | 6.7 |
| 12. | Meaghan Burns-WOR | So | 20 | 48 | 73 | 121 | 6.1 |
| 13. | Olivia McMullen-MCL | Sr | 19 | 36 | 76 | 112 | 5.9 |
| 14. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 40 | 77 | 117 | 5.9 |
| 15. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 20 | 39 | 76 | 115 | 5.8 |
| 16. | Michelle Hagerty-FRA | Jr | 18 | 36 | 65 | 101 | 5.6 |
| 17. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 19 | 86 | 105 | 5.5 |
| 18. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 18 | 40 | 58 | 98 | 5.4 |
| 19. | Kia Minor-FRA | Jr | 16 | 49 | 31 | 80 | 5.0 |
| 20. | Ginny Fleming-SSU | | 18 | 31 | 53 | 84 | 4.7 |

| | FIELD GOAL PCT | Cl | G | FGM | FGA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 19 | 115 | 216 | .532 |
| 2. | Kia Minor-FRA | Jr | 16 | 49 | 97 | .505 |
| 3. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 19 | 150 | 299 | .502 |
| 4. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 18 | 87 | 175 | .497 |
| 5. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 18 | 56 | 113 | .496 |
| 6. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 20 | 60 | 132 | .455 |
| 7. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 20 | 92 | 211 | .436 |
| 8. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 19 | 118 | 273 | .432 |
| 9. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 16 | 86 | 201 | .428 |
| 10. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 94 | 220 | .427 |
| 11. | Monica Bharoocha-BSU | Sr | 18 | 60 | 143 | .420 |
| 12. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 83 | 205 | .405 |
| 13. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 18 | 90 | 224 | .402 |
| 14. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 20 | 104 | 270 | .385 |
| 15. | Meaghan Burns-WOR | So | 20 | 81 | 213 | .380 |

| | ASSISTS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 20 | 86 | 4.3 |
| 2. | Janae Jones-WES | Sr | 20 | 83 | 4.2 |
| 3. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 18 | 64 | 3.6 |
| 4. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 70 | 3.5 |
| 5. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 17 | 55 | 3.2 |
| 6. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 19 | 61 | 3.2 |
| 7. | Cheyenne Jennings-WOR | Fr | 20 | 56 | 2.8 |
| 8. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 16 | 44 | 2.8 |
| 9. | Monica Bharoocha-BSU | Sr | 18 | 49 | 2.7 |
| 10. | Nicole Bostic-FRA | Fr | 19 | 50 | 2.6 |
| 11. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 18 | 47 | 2.6 |
| | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 18 | 47 | 2.6 |
| 13. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 48 | 2.5 |
| 14. | Danielle Scolpino-MCL | So | 19 | 47 | 2.5 |
| 15. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 20 | 46 | 2.3 |

| | OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 19 | 99 | 5.2 |
| 2. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 17 | 72 | 4.2 |
| 3. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 19 | 74 | 3.9 |
| 4. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 20 | 65 | 3.3 |
| 5. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 20 | 64 | 3.2 |
| 6. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 18 | 57 | 3.2 |
| 7. | Kia Minor-FRA | Jr | 16 | 49 | 3.1 |
| 8. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 19 | 48 | 2.5 |
| 9. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 20 | 50 | 2.5 |
| | Gabby Felix-WES | Fr | 20 | 50 | 2.5 |
| 11. | Meaghan Burns-WOR | So | 20 | 48 | 2.4 |
| 12. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 18 | 40 | 2.2 |
| 13. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 40 | 2.0 |
| | Michelle Hagerty-FRA | Jr | 18 | 36 | 2.0 |
| 15. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 20 | 39 | 2.0 |

| | DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 17 | 152 | 8.9 |
| 2. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 19 | 127 | 6.7 |
| 3. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 19 | 110 | 5.8 |
| 4. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 18 | 101 | 5.6 |
| 5. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 19 | 103 | 5.4 |
| 6. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 20 | 103 | 5.2 |
| 7. | Meghan O'Keefe-WOR | Jr | 15 | 77 | 5.1 |
| 8. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 18 | 88 | 4.9 |
| 9. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 86 | 4.5 |
| 10. | Gabby Felix-WES | Fr | 20 | 90 | 4.5 |
| | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 20 | 90 | 4.5 |
| 12. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 20 | 86 | 4.3 |
| 13. | Olivia McMullen-MCL | Sr | 19 | 76 | 4.0 |
| 14. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 77 | 3.9 |
| 15. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 20 | 76 | 3.8 |

# 2011-12 MASCAC Women's Basketball
## INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS
## Through games of Jan 29, 2012 (All games)

| | FREE THROW PCT | Cl | G | FTM | FTA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 70 | 82 | .854 |
| 2. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 19 | 133 | 160 | .831 |
| 3. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 18 | 61 | 78 | .782 |
| 4. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 17 | 52 | 68 | .765 |
| 5. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 19 | 81 | 108 | .750 |
| | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 18 | 45 | 60 | .750 |
| 7. | Laura Cote-FIT | So | 19 | 57 | 77 | .740 |
| 8. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 19 | 81 | 110 | .736 |
| 9. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 20 | 46 | 64 | .719 |
| 10. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 20 | 50 | 70 | .714 |
| 11. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 20 | 69 | 97 | .711 |
| 12. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 67 | 97 | .691 |
| 13. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 20 | 72 | 108 | .667 |
| 14. | Gabby Felix-WES | Fr | 20 | 50 | 77 | .649 |
| 15. | Nicole Bostic-FRA | Fr | 19 | 44 | 69 | .638 |

| | 3-POINT FG PCT | Cl | G | 3FG | FGA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 16 | 31 | 78 | .397 |
| 2. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 33 | 95 | .347 |
| 3. | Tara Driscoll-SSU | | 20 | 26 | 76 | .342 |
| 4. | Courtney Kegresse-WES | Jr | 19 | 39 | 121 | .322 |
| 5. | Bridget Dullea-SSU | | 20 | 29 | 92 | .315 |
| 6. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 18 | 33 | 106 | .311 |
| 7. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 18 | 25 | 84 | .298 |
| 8. | Kara Rogers-WOR | Jr | 18 | 26 | 90 | .289 |
| 9. | Amy Barry-SSU | | 20 | 21 | 76 | .276 |
| 10. | Angela Paterson-WES | Jr | 20 | 24 | 87 | .276 |
| 11. | Ciara Shaughnessy-BSU | Sr | 17 | 18 | 67 | .269 |
| 12. | Meaghan Secino-FIT | So | 19 | 39 | 149 | .262 |
| 13. | Danielle Scolpino-MCL | So | 19 | 22 | 89 | .247 |

| | BLOCKED SHOTS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 19 | 64 | 3.4 |
| 2. | Meghan O'Keefe-WOR | Jr | 15 | 24 | 1.6 |
| 3. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 19 | 27 | 1.4 |
| 4. | Emily Clark-FRA | Sr | 19 | 25 | 1.3 |
| 5. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 18 | 23 | 1.3 |
| 6. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 20 | 20 | 1.0 |
| 7. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 18 | 16 | 0.9 |
| 8. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 18 | 11 | 0.6 |
| 9. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 11 | 0.6 |
| 10. | Lisa Aylward-SSU | | 20 | 11 | 0.6 |
| | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 11 | 0.6 |
| 12. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 17 | 9 | 0.5 |
| 13. | Kristen Enright-FIT | Fr | 19 | 10 | 0.5 |
| 14. | Alana Watkins-BSU | Fr | 18 | 9 | 0.5 |
| | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 16 | 8 | 0.5 |

| | STEALS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 20 | 92 | 4.6 |
| 2. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 62 | 3.3 |
| 3. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 18 | 53 | 2.9 |
| 4. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 16 | 45 | 2.8 |
| 5. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 55 | 2.8 |
| 6. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 18 | 48 | 2.7 |
| 7. | Meaghan Secino-FIT | So | 19 | 50 | 2.6 |
| 8. | Bridget Dullea-SSU | | 20 | 46 | 2.3 |
| 9. | Meaghan Burns-WOR | So | 20 | 44 | 2.2 |
| 10. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 18 | 37 | 2.1 |
| 11. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 19 | 38 | 2.0 |
| 12. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 20 | 39 | 2.0 |
| 13. | Danielle Scolpino-MCL | So | 19 | 33 | 1.7 |
| | Laura Cote-FIT | So | 19 | 33 | 1.7 |
| 15. | Janae Jones-WES | Sr | 20 | 33 | 1.7 |

| | 3-POINT FG MADE | Cl | G | 3FG | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Meaghan Secino-FIT | So | 19 | 39 | 2.1 |
| | Courtney Kegresse-WES | Jr | 19 | 39 | 2.1 |
| 3. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 16 | 31 | 1.9 |
| 4. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 18 | 33 | 1.8 |
| 5. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 33 | 1.7 |
| 6. | Bridget Dullea-SSU | | 20 | 29 | 1.5 |
| 7. | Kara Rogers-WOR | Jr | 18 | 26 | 1.4 |
| 8. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 18 | 25 | 1.4 |
| 9. | Tara Driscoll-SSU | | 20 | 26 | 1.3 |
| 10. | Angela Paterson-WES | Jr | 20 | 24 | 1.2 |
| 11. | Danielle Scolpino-MCL | So | 19 | 22 | 1.2 |
| 12. | Ciara Shaughnessy-BSU | Sr | 17 | 18 | 1.1 |
| 13. | Amy Barry-SSU | | 20 | 21 | 1.1 |
| 14. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 16 | 0.8 |
| | Janae Jones-WES | Sr | 20 | 16 | 0.8 |
| | Meghan O'Keefe-WOR | Jr | 15 | 12 | 0.8 |

| | ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO | Cl | G | Ast. | T/O | Ratio |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Janae Jones-WES | Sr | 20 | 83 | 49 | 1.7 |
| 2. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 20 | 70 | 55 | 1.3 |
| 3. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 20 | 86 | 75 | 1.1 |
| 4. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 18 | 64 | 74 | 0.9 |
| 5. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 19 | 61 | 87 | 0.7 |
| 6. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 17 | 55 | 94 | 0.6 |

| | MINUTES PLAYED | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 18 | 635 | 35.3 |
| 2. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 20 | 695 | 34.8 |
| 3. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 19 | 642 | 33.8 |
| 4. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 19 | 640 | 33.7 |
| 5. | Janae Jones-WES | Sr | 20 | 663 | 33.2 |
| 6. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 20 | 648 | 32.4 |
| 7. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 19 | 606 | 31.9 |
| 8. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 17 | 541 | 31.8 |
| 9. | Bridget Dullea-SSU | | 20 | 631 | 31.6 |
| 10. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 18 | 559 | 31.1 |

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Westfield State University Seniors
Janae Jones
Stephanie White

# Framingham State University
# Westfield State University
# February 14, 2012

### Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
### Women's Basketball Standings (Through Games Played of February 12, 2012)

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Institution** | **GP** | **W** | **L** | **Pct.** | **GP** | **W** | **L** | **Pct.** | **Streak** |
| Bridgewater State* | 10 | 9 | 1 | .900 | 22 | 16 | 6 | .727 | Won 7 |
| MCLA | 10 | 6 | 4 | .600 | 23 | 13 | 10 | .565 | Won 2 |
| Salem State | 10 | 6 | 4 | .600 | 23 | 10 | 13 | .435 | Won 1 |
| Worcester State | 11 | 5 | 6 | .455 | 24 | 11 | 13 | .458 | Lost 1 |
| Westfield State | 10 | 4 | 6 | .400 | 23 | 11 | 12 | .478 | Lost 2 |
| Fitchburg State | 10 | 3 | 7 | .300 | 22 | 15 | 7 | .682 | Lost 2 |
| Framingham State | 11 | 3 | 8 | .273 | 23 | 12 | 11 | .522 | Lost 1 |

****MASCAC Regular Season Champions***

**Jen Ashton, Westfield State (Fr., G, Beverly, Mass.)** – Collected 20 points, seven steals, six rebounds and six assists in Owls' 72-70 setback to MCLA, shooting 50 percent (6-12) from field for contest.

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# Late charge not enough as women's basketballs falls to Bridgewater

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

Bridgewater State's women's basketball team was able to secure a key MASCAC victory with a 72-67 win over Westfield State in the first game of a doubleheader for Westfield's men's and women's basketball teams against Bridgewater last Saturday afternoon.

With the victory, Bridgewater's record went to 15-6 (8-1 MASCAC record) while the loss by the Owls brought their record to an even 11-11 (4-5 MASCAC record).

Sophomore guard Jenna Williamson led Bridgewater with a career-high 29 points in the game, including 23 in the second half.

The game was close throughout with several lead changes between the teams, and Westfield possessed an eight-point lead early in the second half.

But that lead evaporated quickly after Williamson took over, scoring seven straight points, and the Bears went on a 13-0 run to take a 55-50 lead.

Westfield trailed by a score of 66-63 late in the game but scored four quick points to take a 67-66 lead with just over a minute remaining on the clock.

However, Bridgewater once again contained Westfield's strong push, and went on a 6-0 run to end the game to take the 72-67 victory.

WSU freshman guard Jen Ashton had another strong performance for the Owls with 24 points (10 points more than her team leading average of 14.9 points per game), 11 rebounds and a game-high five steals to lead Westfield.

Ashton ranks fourth nationally in the NCAA Division III in steals per game (4.7).

Ashton two weeks ago broke the school record for steals in a season with 93, a record that was unmatched for 19 years, held by Robyn Wainwright.

*photo by westfieldstateowls.com*

Jen Ashton continued her stellar play against BSU.

In addition to Ashton, the Owls were helped out by freshman center Gabby Felix, who had 14 points and seven boards, and Jenny Bell, who had 10 points, seven rebounds and a game high seven assists.

Following a tough 72-70 home loss against MCLA on Tuesday night, Westfield takes on Framingham State at the Woodward Center on Tuesday, Feb. 4th at 5:30 p.m. It will be the final home game of the season for the Owls.

Now sitting at 11-12 with a 4-6 MASCAC record, Westfield will hope to finish the regular season strong.

With two conference games left, the Owls will look to improve their seeding heading into the MASCAC tournament later this moth.

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# INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS
## Through games of Feb 04, 2012 (All games)

To be ranked, a player must appear in at least 75.0% of their team's games.

| | SCORING | Cl | G | FG | 3FG | FT | Pts | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 22 | 161 | 61 | 105 | 488 | 22.2 |
| 2. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 20 | 146 | 2 | 55 | 349 | 17.5 |
| 3. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 16 | 85 | 1 | 74 | 245 | 15.3 |
| 4. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 22 | 131 | 4 | 69 | 335 | 15.2 |
| | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 22 | 111 | 17 | 96 | 335 | 15.2 |
| 6. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 20 | 108 | 0 | 77 | 293 | 14.7 |
| 7. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 21 | 99 | 22 | 87 | 307 | 14.6 |
| 8. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 19 | 92 | 20 | 65 | 269 | 14.2 |
| 9. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 17 | 84 | 41 | 31 | 240 | 14.1 |
| 10. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 20 | 92 | 22 | 67 | 273 | 13.7 |
| 11. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 20 | 103 | 25 | 35 | 266 | 13.3 |
| 12. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 22 | 103 | 41 | 26 | 273 | 12.4 |
| 13. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 18 | 90 | 2 | 40 | 222 | 12.3 |
| 14. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 22 | 92 | 3 | 80 | 267 | 12.1 |
| 15. | Brandon Selby-FIT | Jr | 18 | 80 | 8 | 49 | 217 | 12.1 |
| 16. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 20 | 79 | 35 | 48 | 241 | 12.1 |
| 17. | Adam Fahey-FIT | Jr | 16 | 65 | 23 | 24 | 177 | 11.1 |
| 18. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 16 | 57 | 19 | 38 | 171 | 10.7 |
| 19. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 21 | 84 | 10 | 40 | 218 | 10.4 |
| 20. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 22 | 93 | 1 | 36 | 223 | 10.1 |
| 21. | Tyriq Rochester-MCL | So | 20 | 74 | 2 | 50 | 200 | 10.0 |
| 22. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 22 | 79 | 0 | 45 | 203 | 9.2 |
| 23. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 22 | 72 | 0 | 55 | 199 | 9.0 |
| 24. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 21 | 70 | 23 | 19 | 182 | 8.7 |
| 25. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | | 20 | 61 | 0 | 50 | 172 | 8.6 |
| 26. | Justin Nieves-SSU | Jr | 20 | 54 | 17 | 45 | 170 | 8.5 |
| 27. | Andrew White-SSU | So | 17 | 46 | 13 | 39 | 144 | 8.5 |
| 28. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 20 | 57 | 29 | 19 | 162 | 8.1 |
| 29. | Jeremy Kimber-FIT | Sr | 15 | 46 | 9 | 15 | 116 | 7.7 |
| 30. | Dan Clark-SSU | Sr | 20 | 51 | 23 | 22 | 147 | 7.4 |

| | REBOUNDING | Cl | G | Off | Def | Total | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 22 | 43 | 189 | 232 | 10.5 |
| 2. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 22 | 86 | 141 | 227 | 10.3 |
| 3. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 20 | 83 | 111 | 194 | 9.7 |
| 4. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 20 | 26 | 152 | 178 | 8.9 |
| 5. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 16 | 41 | 90 | 131 | 8.2 |
| 6. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 22 | 55 | 95 | 150 | 6.8 |
| 7. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 18 | 53 | 67 | 120 | 6.7 |
| 8. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 22 | 52 | 83 | 135 | 6.1 |
| 9. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 20 | 49 | 67 | 116 | 5.8 |
| 10. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 22 | 28 | 94 | 122 | 5.5 |
| 11. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 22 | 39 | 78 | 117 | 5.3 |
| 12. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 19 | 27 | 74 | 101 | 5.3 |
| 13. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 20 | 30 | 70 | 100 | 5.0 |
| | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 17 | 31 | 54 | 85 | 5.0 |
| 15. | Brandon Selby-FIT | Jr | 18 | 29 | 60 | 89 | 4.9 |
| 16. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 21 | 25 | 78 | 103 | 4.9 |
| 17. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 21 | 35 | 62 | 97 | 4.6 |
| 18. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 22 | 28 | 73 | 101 | 4.6 |
| 19. | Michael Lofton-BSU | Fr | 20 | 28 | 63 | 91 | 4.6 |
| 20. | Tyriq Rochester-MCL | So | 20 | 32 | 58 | 90 | 4.5 |

| | FIELD GOAL PCT | Cl | G | FGM | FGA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 20 | 146 | 239 | .611 |
| 2. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 16 | 85 | 165 | .515 |
| 3. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 18 | 90 | 175 | .514 |
| 4. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 22 | 79 | 154 | .513 |
| 5. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 20 | 92 | 181 | .508 |
| 6. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 22 | 72 | 143 | .503 |
| 7. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 21 | 70 | 143 | .490 |
| 8. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 22 | 111 | 227 | .489 |
| 9. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 20 | 108 | 221 | .489 |
| 10. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 20 | 103 | 212 | .486 |
| 11. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 22 | 93 | 193 | .482 |
| 12. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 22 | 131 | 291 | .450 |
| 13. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 16 | 57 | 131 | .435 |
| 14. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | | 20 | 61 | 142 | .430 |
| 15. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 22 | 103 | 241 | .427 |

| | ASSISTS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Apollos Wade-SSU | Sr | 20 | 91 | 4.6 |
| 2. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 22 | 87 | 4.0 |
| 3. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 22 | 80 | 3.6 |
| 4. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 20 | 70 | 3.5 |
| 5. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 19 | 65 | 3.4 |
| 6. | Sean Sullivan-FIT | Sr | 20 | 66 | 3.3 |
| 7. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 21 | 69 | 3.3 |
| 8. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 21 | 62 | 3.0 |
| 9. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 22 | 64 | 2.9 |
| 10. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 16 | 44 | 2.8 |
| 11. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 22 | 58 | 2.6 |
| 12. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 22 | 55 | 2.5 |
| | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 20 | 50 | 2.5 |
| 14. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 20 | 44 | 2.2 |
| 15. | Jeremy Kimber-FIT | Sr | 15 | 32 | 2.1 |

| | OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 20 | 83 | 4.2 |
| 2. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 22 | 86 | 3.9 |
| 3. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 18 | 53 | 2.9 |
| 4. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 16 | 41 | 2.6 |
| 5. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 22 | 55 | 2.5 |
| 6. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 20 | 49 | 2.5 |
| 7. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 22 | 52 | 2.4 |
| 8. | Ryan DeLosa-WES | Sr | 21 | 49 | 2.3 |
| 9. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | | 20 | 42 | 2.1 |
| 10. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 22 | 43 | 2.0 |
| 11. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 17 | 31 | 1.8 |
| 12. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 22 | 39 | 1.8 |
| 13. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 21 | 35 | 1.7 |
| 14. | Brandon Selby-FIT | Jr | 18 | 29 | 1.6 |
| 15. | Tyriq Rochester-MCL | So | 20 | 32 | 1.6 |

| | DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 22 | 189 | 8.6 |
| 2. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 20 | 152 | 7.6 |
| 3. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 22 | 141 | 6.4 |
| 4. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 16 | 90 | 5.6 |
| 5. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 20 | 111 | 5.6 |
| 6. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 22 | 95 | 4.3 |
| 7. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 22 | 94 | 4.3 |
| 8. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 19 | 74 | 3.9 |
| 9. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 22 | 83 | 3.8 |
| 10. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 18 | 67 | 3.7 |
| 11. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 21 | 78 | 3.7 |
| 12. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 22 | 78 | 3.5 |
| 13. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 20 | 70 | 3.5 |
| 14. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 20 | 67 | 3.4 |
| 15. | Brandon Selby-FIT | Jr | 18 | 60 | 3.3 |

# 2011-12 MASCAC Men's Basketball
# INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS
## Through games of Feb 04, 2012 (All games)

| | FREE THROW PCT | Cl | G | FTM | FTA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 20 | 48 | 61 | .787 |
| 2. | Andrew White-SSU | So | 17 | 39 | 50 | .780 |
| 3. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 21 | 87 | 112 | .777 |
| 4. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 22 | 105 | 136 | .772 |
| 5. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 16 | 74 | 96 | .771 |
| 6. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 20 | 67 | 88 | .761 |
| 7. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 20 | 77 | 105 | .733 |
| 8. | Justin Nieves-SSU | Jr | 20 | 45 | 62 | .726 |
| 9. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 16 | 38 | 53 | .717 |
| 10. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 22 | 69 | 100 | .690 |
| 11. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 22 | 96 | 140 | .686 |
| 12. | Apollos Wade-SSU | Sr | 20 | 41 | 60 | .683 |
| 13. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 20 | 45 | 66 | .682 |
| 14. | Tyriq Rochester-MCL | So | 20 | 50 | 74 | .676 |
| 15. | Jamal Brown-MCL | Sr | 18 | 40 | 60 | .667 |

| | 3-POINT FG PCT | Cl | G | 3FG | FGA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 20 | 22 | 52 | .423 |
| 2. | Rico DePaolis-FRA | Jr | 22 | 34 | 84 | .405 |
| 3. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 21 | 23 | 57 | .404 |
| 4. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 22 | 41 | 108 | .380 |
| 5. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 20 | 25 | 66 | .379 |
| 6. | Tavone Wynder-SSU | Jr | 20 | 20 | 53 | .377 |
| 7. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 16 | 19 | 51 | .373 |
| 8. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 22 | 61 | 167 | .365 |
| 9. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 20 | 35 | 98 | .357 |
| 10. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 19 | 20 | 57 | .351 |
| 11. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 21 | 22 | 63 | .349 |
| 12. | Dan Clark-SSU | Sr | 20 | 23 | 66 | .348 |
| 13. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 17 | 41 | 129 | .318 |
| 14. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 22 | 27 | 86 | .314 |
| 15. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 20 | 29 | 93 | .312 |

| | BLOCKED SHOTS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 22 | 111 | 5.0 |
| 2. | Zach Valliere-FIT | Jr | 20 | 32 | 1.6 |
| 3. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 22 | 34 | 1.5 |
| 4. | Jeremy Kimber-FIT | Sr | 15 | 23 | 1.5 |
| 5. | Michael Lofton-BSU | Fr | 20 | 28 | 1.4 |
| 6. | Max Dolgin-BSU | Sr | 20 | 26 | 1.3 |
| 7. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 20 | 23 | 1.2 |
| 8. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 16 | 15 | 0.9 |
| 9. | Richard Johnson-MCL | Jr | 21 | 19 | 0.9 |
| 10. | Adeyemi Ajoa-FRA | | 20 | 16 | 0.8 |
| 11. | Tavone Wynder-SSU | Jr | 20 | 15 | 0.8 |
| | Adam Fahey-FIT | Jr | 16 | 12 | 0.8 |
| 13. | Andre Santana-FRA | Fr | 22 | 14 | 0.6 |
| 14. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 21 | 13 | 0.6 |
| 15. | Charles Gunter-WOR | Fr | 22 | 13 | 0.6 |

| | STEALS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 22 | 85 | 3.9 |
| 2. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 20 | 49 | 2.5 |
| 3. | Chris Harris-MCL | Sr | 21 | 46 | 2.2 |
| 4. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 16 | 35 | 2.2 |
| 5. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 20 | 42 | 2.1 |
| 6. | Tyrone Figueroa-FRA | So | 22 | 46 | 2.1 |
| 7. | Grant Cooper-WES | Fr | 22 | 45 | 2.0 |
| 8. | Robert Hunter-WOR | So | 22 | 43 | 2.0 |
| 9. | Jeremy Kimber-FIT | Sr | 15 | 29 | 1.9 |
| 10. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 17 | 31 | 1.8 |
| 11. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 21 | 36 | 1.7 |
| 12. | Bilal Shabazz-MCL | Jr | 20 | 33 | 1.7 |
| 13. | Andrew White-SSU | So | 17 | 28 | 1.6 |
| 14. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 22 | 32 | 1.5 |
| 15. | Apollos Wade-SSU | Sr | 20 | 28 | 1.4 |

| | 3-POINT FG MADE | Cl | G | 3FG | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 22 | 61 | 2.8 |
| 2. | Tom Henneberry-FIT | Jr | 17 | 41 | 2.4 |
| 3. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 22 | 41 | 1.9 |
| 4. | Mike Ingram-Rubin-FIT | So | 20 | 35 | 1.8 |
| 5. | Rico DePaolis-FRA | Jr | 22 | 34 | 1.5 |
| 6. | Tyrell Mosley-MCL | Sr | 20 | 29 | 1.5 |
| 7. | Adam Fahey-FIT | Jr | 16 | 23 | 1.4 |
| 8. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 20 | 25 | 1.3 |
| 9. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 22 | 27 | 1.2 |
| 10. | Michael Young-MCL | Sr | 16 | 19 | 1.2 |
| 11. | Dan Clark-SSU | Sr | 20 | 23 | 1.2 |
| 12. | Nate Simpson-SSU | Fr | 20 | 22 | 1.1 |
| 13. | Vernon Cross-MCL | Jr | 21 | 23 | 1.1 |
| 14. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 19 | 20 | 1.1 |
| 15. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 21 | 22 | 1.0 |

| | ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO | Cl | G | Ast. | T/O | Ratio |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Sean Sullivan-FIT | Sr | 20 | 66 | 27 | 2.4 |
| 2. | Apollos Wade-SSU | Sr | 20 | 91 | 54 | 1.7 |
| 3. | Shawn Yard-BSU | Jr | 20 | 70 | 66 | 1.1 |
| 4. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 19 | 65 | 62 | 1.0 |
| 5. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 22 | 87 | 88 | 1.0 |
| 6. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 22 | 80 | 97 | 0.8 |
| 7. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 21 | 69 | 84 | 0.8 |

| | MINUTES PLAYED | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lee Vazquez-WES | Jr | 22 | 805 | 36.6 |
| 2. | Frank Stephenson-WOR | Sr | 21 | 746 | 35.5 |
| 3. | Kyle Ferreira-WOR | Jr | 22 | 780 | 35.5 |
| 4. | Corey Ryser-BSU | Sr | 20 | 675 | 33.8 |
| 5. | Mike Gittens-WOR | So | 22 | 712 | 32.4 |
| 6. | Matt Devine-WES | Jr | 22 | 701 | 31.9 |
| 7. | Brian Clark-SSU | Sr | 20 | 614 | 30.7 |
| 8. | Anthony Fortes-BSU | Jr | 19 | 583 | 30.7 |
| 9. | Samuel Johnson-BSU | Sr | 16 | 490 | 30.6 |
| 10. | Monte Goodwin-WOR | Jr | 22 | 673 | 30.6 |

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To be ranked, a player must appear in at least 75.0% of their team's games.

| | SCORING | Cl | G | FG | 3FG | FT | Pts | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 22 | 177 | 0 | 157 | 511 | 23.2 |
| 2. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 23 | 145 | 7 | 95 | 392 | 17.0 |
| 3. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 23 | 144 | 1 | 100 | 389 | 16.9 |
| 4. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 123 | 16 | 86 | 348 | 15.1 |
| 5. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 20 | 104 | 40 | 38 | 286 | 14.3 |
| 6. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 101 | 38 | 88 | 328 | 14.3 |
| 7. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 22 | 114 | 0 | 83 | 311 | 14.1 |
| 8. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 22 | 108 | 42 | 45 | 303 | 13.8 |
| 9. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 22 | 109 | 28 | 55 | 301 | 13.7 |
| 10. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 107 | 18 | 81 | 313 | 13.6 |
| 11. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 24 | 111 | 3 | 83 | 308 | 12.8 |
| 12. | Bridget Dullea-SSU | | 23 | 88 | 36 | 40 | 252 | 11.0 |
| 13. | Meaghan Burns-WOR | So | 24 | 98 | 1 | 65 | 262 | 10.9 |
| 14. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 23 | 87 | 2 | 57 | 233 | 10.1 |
| 15. | Nicole Bostic-FRA | Fr | 23 | 79 | 16 | 58 | 232 | 10.1 |
| 16. | Laura Cote-FIT | So | 22 | 74 | 7 | 66 | 221 | 10.0 |
| 17. | Courtney Kegresse-WES | Jr | 22 | 77 | 51 | 5 | 210 | 9.5 |
| 18. | Meaghan Secino-FIT | So | 22 | 71 | 46 | 15 | 203 | 9.2 |
| 19. | Gabby Felix-WES | Fr | 23 | 75 | 0 | 60 | 210 | 9.1 |
| 20. | Kia Minor-FRA | Jr | 20 | 74 | 1 | 33 | 182 | 9.1 |
| 21. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 20 | 60 | 1 | 60 | 181 | 9.1 |
| 22. | Meghan O'Keefe-WOR | Jr | 19 | 64 | 12 | 16 | 156 | 8.2 |
| 23. | Monica Bharoocha-BSU | Sr | 22 | 72 | 0 | 29 | 173 | 7.9 |
| 24. | Angela Paterson-WES | Jr | 23 | 71 | 26 | 12 | 180 | 7.8 |
| 25. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 24 | 65 | 0 | 56 | 186 | 7.8 |
| 26. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 22 | 66 | 0 | 35 | 167 | 7.6 |
| 27. | Kaitlyn Chenevert-MCL | So | 23 | 66 | 1 | 25 | 158 | 6.9 |
| 28. | Kara Rogers-WOR | Jr | 20 | 39 | 29 | 30 | 137 | 6.9 |
| 29. | Janae Jones-WES | Sr | 23 | 52 | 17 | 21 | 142 | 6.2 |
| 30. | Ginny Fleming-SSU | | 21 | 49 | 0 | 30 | 128 | 6.1 |
| | Danielle Scolpino-MCL | So | 21 | 43 | 24 | 18 | 128 | 6.1 |

| | REBOUNDING | Cl | G | Off | Def | Total | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 20 | 82 | 189 | 271 | 13.6 |
| 2. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 23 | 120 | 152 | 272 | 11.8 |
| 3. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 22 | 88 | 130 | 218 | 9.9 |
| 4. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 23 | 76 | 113 | 189 | 8.2 |
| 5. | Meghan O'Keefe-WOR | Jr | 19 | 37 | 116 | 153 | 8.1 |
| 6. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 23 | 54 | 131 | 185 | 8.0 |
| 7. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 22 | 69 | 104 | 173 | 7.9 |
| 8. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 24 | 73 | 107 | 180 | 7.5 |
| 9. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 22 | 40 | 121 | 161 | 7.3 |
| 10. | Gabby Felix-WES | Fr | 23 | 60 | 102 | 162 | 7.0 |
| 11. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 59 | 100 | 159 | 6.9 |
| 12. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 46 | 93 | 139 | 6.0 |
| 13. | Meaghan Burns-WOR | So | 24 | 55 | 88 | 143 | 6.0 |
| 14. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 24 | 47 | 90 | 137 | 5.7 |
| 15. | Kia Minor-FRA | Jr | 20 | 71 | 43 | 114 | 5.7 |
| 16. | Michelle Hagerty-FRA | Jr | 22 | 47 | 77 | 124 | 5.6 |
| 17. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 22 | 47 | 76 | 123 | 5.6 |
| 18. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 22 | 101 | 123 | 5.3 |
| 19. | Olivia McMullen-MCL | Sr | 23 | 39 | 81 | 120 | 5.2 |
| 20. | Ginny Fleming-SSU | | 21 | 36 | 64 | 100 | 4.8 |

| | FIELD GOAL PCT | Cl | G | FGM | FGA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 23 | 145 | 262 | .553 |
| 2. | Kia Minor-FRA | Jr | 20 | 74 | 140 | .529 |
| 3. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 22 | 114 | 224 | .509 |
| 4. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 22 | 177 | 352 | .503 |
| 5. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 22 | 66 | 144 | .458 |
| 6. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 23 | 144 | 328 | .439 |
| 7. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 20 | 104 | 248 | .419 |
| 8. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 24 | 111 | 268 | .414 |
| 9. | Monica Bharoocha-BSU | Sr | 22 | 72 | 174 | .414 |
| 10. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 107 | 260 | .412 |
| 11. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 22 | 108 | 263 | .411 |
| 12. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 22 | 109 | 269 | .405 |
| 13. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 101 | 252 | .401 |
| 14. | Meghan O'Keefe-WOR | Jr | 19 | 64 | 163 | .393 |
| 15. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 123 | 318 | .387 |

| | ASSISTS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 101 | 4.4 |
| | Janae Jones-WES | Sr | 23 | 101 | 4.4 |
| 3. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 23 | 88 | 3.8 |
| 4. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 82 | 3.6 |
| 5. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 22 | 71 | 3.2 |
| 6. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 20 | 64 | 3.2 |
| 7. | Monica Bharoocha-BSU | Sr | 22 | 65 | 3.0 |
| 8. | Nicole Bostic-FRA | Fr | 23 | 67 | 2.9 |
| 9. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 22 | 60 | 2.7 |
| 10. | Cheyenne Jennings-WOR | Fr | 24 | 64 | 2.7 |
| 11. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 61 | 2.7 |
| 12. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 20 | 53 | 2.7 |
| 13. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 22 | 58 | 2.6 |
| 14. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 24 | 59 | 2.5 |
| 15. | Laura Cote-FIT | So | 22 | 51 | 2.3 |

| | OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 23 | 120 | 5.2 |
| 2. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 20 | 82 | 4.1 |
| 3. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 22 | 88 | 4.0 |
| 4. | Kia Minor-FRA | Jr | 20 | 71 | 3.6 |
| 5. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 23 | 76 | 3.3 |
| 6. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 22 | 69 | 3.1 |
| 7. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 24 | 73 | 3.0 |
| 8. | Gabby Felix-WES | Fr | 23 | 60 | 2.6 |
| 9. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 59 | 2.6 |
| 10. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 23 | 54 | 2.3 |
| 11. | Meaghan Burns-WOR | So | 24 | 55 | 2.3 |
| 12. | Michelle Hagerty-FRA | Jr | 22 | 47 | 2.1 |
| | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 22 | 47 | 2.1 |
| 14. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 46 | 2.0 |
| 15. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 24 | 47 | 2.0 |

| | DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 20 | 189 | 9.5 |
| 2. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 23 | 152 | 6.6 |
| 3. | Meghan O'Keefe-WOR | Jr | 19 | 116 | 6.1 |
| 4. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 22 | 130 | 5.9 |
| 5. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 23 | 131 | 5.7 |
| 6. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 22 | 121 | 5.5 |
| 7. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 23 | 113 | 4.9 |
| 8. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 22 | 104 | 4.7 |
| 9. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 24 | 107 | 4.5 |
| 10. | Gabby Felix-WES | Fr | 23 | 102 | 4.4 |
| 11. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 101 | 4.4 |
| 12. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 100 | 4.3 |
| 13. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 93 | 4.0 |
| 14. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 24 | 90 | 3.8 |
| 15. | Meaghan Burns-WOR | So | 24 | 88 | 3.7 |

# 2011-12 MASCAC Women's Basketball
# INDIVIDUAL BASKETBALL STATISTICS
## Through games of Feb 12, 2012 (All games)

| | FREE THROW PCT | Cl | G | FTM | FTA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 88 | 102 | .863 |
| 2. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 22 | 157 | 199 | .789 |
| 3. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 20 | 60 | 77 | .779 |
| 4. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 22 | 83 | 107 | .776 |
| 5. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 23 | 100 | 133 | .752 |
| 6. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 22 | 45 | 60 | .750 |
| 7. | Laura Cote-FIT | So | 22 | 66 | 89 | .742 |
| 8. | Shannen El-Qasem-WOR | Fr | 24 | 56 | 76 | .737 |
| 9. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 23 | 95 | 129 | .736 |
| 10. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 86 | 117 | .735 |
| 11. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 22 | 55 | 77 | .714 |
| 12. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 81 | 117 | .692 |
| 13. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 23 | 57 | 83 | .687 |
| 14. | Gabby Felix-WES | Fr | 23 | 60 | 90 | .667 |
| 15. | Nicole Bostic-FRA | Fr | 23 | 58 | 88 | .659 |

| | 3-POINT FG PCT | Cl | G | 3FG | FGA | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 20 | 40 | 100 | .400 |
| 2. | Courtney Kegresse-WES | Jr | 22 | 51 | 142 | .359 |
| 3. | Tara Driscoll-SSU | | 23 | 29 | 84 | .345 |
| 4. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 22 | 42 | 124 | .339 |
| 5. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 38 | 116 | .328 |
| 6. | Bridget Dullea-SSU | | 23 | 36 | 112 | .321 |
| 7. | Kara Rogers-WOR | Jr | 20 | 29 | 95 | .305 |
| 8. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 22 | 28 | 96 | .292 |
| 9. | Amy Barry-SSU | | 23 | 27 | 96 | .281 |
| 10. | Angela Paterson-WES | Jr | 23 | 26 | 93 | .280 |
| 11. | Meaghan Secino-FIT | So | 22 | 46 | 168 | .274 |
| 12. | Ciara Shaughnessy-BSU | Sr | 21 | 23 | 86 | .267 |
| 13. | Danielle Scolpino-MCL | So | 21 | 24 | 99 | .242 |

| | BLOCKED SHOTS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jen Wehner-MCL | Sr | 23 | 71 | 3.1 |
| 2. | Meghan O'Keefe-WOR | Jr | 19 | 33 | 1.7 |
| 3. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 22 | 34 | 1.5 |
| 4. | Emily Clark-FRA | Sr | 23 | 31 | 1.3 |
| 5. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 22 | 28 | 1.3 |
| 6. | Breanna Comeau-SSU | | 23 | 23 | 1.0 |
| 7. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 22 | 21 | 1.0 |
| 8. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 22 | 16 | 0.7 |
| 9. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 20 | 13 | 0.7 |
| 10. | Kristen Enright-FIT | Fr | 22 | 13 | 0.6 |
| 11. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 12 | 0.5 |
| 12. | Lisa Aylward-SSU | | 22 | 11 | 0.5 |
| | Alana Watkins-BSU | Fr | 18 | 9 | 0.5 |
| 14. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 11 | 0.5 |
| | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 11 | 0.5 |

| | STEALS | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 110 | 4.8 |
| 2. | Megan Boutilette-BSU | So | 22 | 66 | 3.0 |
| 3. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 66 | 2.9 |
| 4. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 20 | 55 | 2.8 |
| 5. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 63 | 2.7 |
| 6. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 22 | 57 | 2.6 |
| 7. | Meaghan Secino-FIT | So | 22 | 53 | 2.4 |
| 8. | Bridget Dullea-SSU | | 23 | 51 | 2.2 |
| 9. | Meaghan Burns-WOR | So | 24 | 52 | 2.2 |
| 10. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 22 | 44 | 2.0 |
| 11. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 22 | 42 | 1.9 |
| 12. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 24 | 44 | 1.8 |
| 13. | Danielle Scolpino-MCL | So | 21 | 37 | 1.8 |
| 14. | Kia Minor-FRA | Jr | 20 | 35 | 1.8 |
| 15. | Laura Cote-FIT | So | 22 | 36 | 1.6 |
| | Monica Bharoocha-BSU | Sr | 22 | 36 | 1.6 |

| | 3-POINT FG MADE | Cl | G | 3FG | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Courtney Kegresse-WES | Jr | 22 | 51 | 2.3 |
| 2. | Meaghan Secino-FIT | So | 22 | 46 | 2.1 |
| 3. | Lucy Tremblay-MCL | Jr | 20 | 40 | 2.0 |
| 4. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 22 | 42 | 1.9 |
| 5. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 38 | 1.7 |
| 6. | Bridget Dullea-SSU | | 23 | 36 | 1.6 |
| 7. | Kara Rogers-WOR | Jr | 20 | 29 | 1.5 |
| 8. | Shelly DePina-BSU | Sr | 22 | 28 | 1.3 |
| 9. | Tara Driscoll-SSU | | 23 | 29 | 1.3 |
| 10. | Amy Barry-SSU | | 23 | 27 | 1.2 |
| 11. | Danielle Scolpino-MCL | So | 21 | 24 | 1.1 |
| 12. | Angela Paterson-WES | Jr | 23 | 26 | 1.1 |
| 13. | Ciara Shaughnessy-BSU | Sr | 21 | 23 | 1.1 |
| 14. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 18 | 0.8 |
| 15. | Cheyenne Jennings-WOR | Fr | 24 | 18 | 0.8 |

| | ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO | Cl | G | Ast. | T/O | Ratio |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Janae Jones-WES | Sr | 23 | 101 | 57 | 1.8 |
| 2. | Rachael Carter-SSU | | 23 | 82 | 66 | 1.2 |
| 3. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 101 | 87 | 1.2 |
| 4. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 23 | 88 | 104 | 0.8 |
| 5. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 22 | 71 | 87 | 0.8 |
| 6. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 20 | 64 | 115 | 0.6 |

| | MINUTES PLAYED | Cl | G | No. | Avg/G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jenna Williamson-BSU | So | 22 | 790 | 35.9 |
| 2. | Kaleigh Charette-WOR | Sr | 24 | 834 | 34.8 |
| 3. | Amy Fahey-FIT | So | 22 | 755 | 34.3 |
| 4. | Kristen Hoffman-FRA | So | 23 | 786 | 34.2 |
| 5. | Janae Jones-WES | Sr | 23 | 764 | 33.2 |
| 6. | Jen Ashton-WES | Fr | 23 | 755 | 32.8 |
| 7. | Bridget Dullea-SSU | | 23 | 740 | 32.2 |
| 8. | Alie Dobrovolc-MCL | Sr | 23 | 734 | 31.9 |
| 9. | Michaela Cosby-BSU | Jr | 22 | 700 | 31.8 |
| 10. | Rebecca Goreham-FIT | Sr | 20 | 635 | 31.8 |

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# WSU pulls away from Worcester

## *Kegresse, Paterson, Ashton Pace Owls*

WESTFIELD – Junior guard Courtney Kegresse (Adams/Hoosac Valley) scored a game-high 21 points on seven 3-point baskets, junior reserve guard Angela Paterson (Nantucket) pumped in 15 points, and record-setting freshman guard Jen Ashton (Beverly) tallied 12 points, six rebounds, six assists and six steals to lead Westfield State University to a hard fought 74-52 victory over Worcester State University on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Westfield is now 11-10 overall and 4-4 in the MASCAC, while Worcester is 9-12 and 3-5.

The Owls never trailed throughout the game but they did not secure the key conference victory until a 12-0 run with under 10 minutes remaining.

Kegresse was unconscious in the first half, hitting nothing but net on four consecutive 3-point bombs in pacing Westfield to a 29-24 halftime edge. She finished the game 7-for-9 from beyond the arc, two 3-pointers shy of the single-game school record held by Westfield head coach Andrea Bertini ('96), who made nine treys in an ECAC Tournament game vs. Norwich in 1994.

Moreover, Kegresse's blitzkrieg was eerily similar to a sensational shooting display by Bertini in a victory at Worcester State in 1993 in which she was 6-for-6 from 3-point land in the first half and 7-for-10 for the game.

"Courtney is an outstanding 3-point shooter," said Bertini. "She is going to break my school records."

"I knew Worcester was a big game and threes get the whole team off the bench, so I tried to make as many as I could," said Kegresse, a fluid 5-9 shooting guard with a high arcing shot.

Kegresse and Paterson sparked the key 12-0 second half run that gave the Owls a 60-43 with 7:31 remaining.

The Lancers' Kara Rogers converted a four-point play (3-point plus a free throw) to slice Westfield's lead to five, 48-43, at the 9:58 mark.

Kegresse responded with a three-ball followed by seven straight points from Paterson, who scored 13 of her 15 points in the second half. Five of her seven points during the 12-0 came from the foul line as the Owls took advantage of two technical fouls assessed to the Lancers.

"Angela provided a huge spark," said Bertini. "She has been shooting fantastic lately; her confidence is up and her defense was outstanding."

Also outstanding on defense was Ashton, who set the single season school record for steals. Ashton, who ranks eighth nationally in steals per game (4.6), has 98 steals this season surpassing the previous record held by standout point guard Robyn Wainwright, who had 92 steals in 1993.

"It is a great accomplishment for Jen and we still have five games left to play," said Bertini. "She just has good anticipation. I played with the previous record holder so Jen is in good company."

The Owls shot 40 percent from the field, including 9-for-15 from downtown, and for the second straight game they took care of the ball with only nine turnovers. Worcester, meanwhile, shot 33 percent from the field and committed 18 turnovers.

"We were shaky early, we let them in the lane and we gave up a lot of rebounds, but through the rest of the game we did a nice job of containing," said Bertini.

Westfield freshman center Gabby Felix (Springfield/Commerce) scored eight points and had a team-high eight rebounds. Junior guard Jenny Bell (Northampton) finished with eight points, seven boards and six assists.

Four Lancers scored in double figures led by Kara Rogers (Lowell) with 12 points. Meghan O'Keefe (Warren/Quaboag) had 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Scoring 10 points were Meaghan Burns (West Brookfield/Quaboag) and Shannen El-Qasem (Rutland/Wachusett).

*Westfield State sharpshooter Courtney Kegresse made 7 of 9 three-point baskets vs. Worcester, including 4-for-4 in the first half.*
**(File photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)**

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# Ashton Selected MASCAC Player of the Week

Westfield State University's Jen Ashton has been named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's basketball player of the week.

The 5-6 freshman guard from Beverly averaged a triple-double in the Owls' 2-0 week: 16.0 points, 10.5 steals and 10.0 rebounds. She also averaged 7.5 assists.

Ashton racked up a school record 13 steals and teams highs of 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists in a 54-37 victory over UMass Boston. She put together a superb stat line of 19 points, 11 rebounds, nine assists and eight steals in a 67-46 victory over Elms. Ashton shot 50 percent from the field (13 for 26) and 60 percent (6 for 10) from the foul line.

The talented rookie leads the 6-6 Owls in four major offensive categories at the semester break, averaging 14.3 points, 7.4 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 4.5 steals per game.

"Jen has a high basketball IQ, she is a real student of the game and understands where the ball is going to be thrown when she's playing defense," said Westfield State head coach Andrea Bertini. "She doesn't do anything exceptionally well, she just does everything well. She is strong and an outstanding rebounder for a 5-6 guard. She has deceptive quickness and always has her hand in the passing lanes."

Westfield's next game is Wednesday, Jan. 4, when it hosts Castleton State at 5:30 p.m. The Owls' MASCAC opener is Saturday, Jan. 7, when they host Salem State at 1:00 p.m.

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*Westfield State University freshman guard Jen Ashton.* **(File photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)**

## *Owls host clinics for youth hoop teams*

*The Westfield State University women's basketball team has been busy over the semester break holding clinics for area youth basketball teams. On Thursday, Jan. 12, the Owls conducted a clinic on their homecourt in the Woodward Center for a team of second and third graders from Palmer. The Palmer team is coached by Amanda (Braden) Theriault, the all-time leading scorer at Westfield State who was inducted into the university's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2011. The Palmer youth team will be special guests at Westfied's home game vs. MCLA on Feb. 7, and the team will play an exhibition game at halftime.* **(Photo submitted)**

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# Bridgewater Bounces Westfield, 62-42

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – The Bridgewater State University women's basketball team remained unbeaten in MASCAC play by downing Westfield State University, 62-42, on Saturday afternoon at the Tinsley Center.

The Bears improve to 9-5 on the season and 3-0 in the MASCAC, while the visiting Owls slip to 8-8 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

Senior forward Shelly DePina registered a double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds to pace the hosts, who led 39-20 at halftime. DePina also posted three steals. Junior forward Michaela Cosby added 15 points, five boards and three thefts, while sophomore forward Megan Boutilette notched a double-double with 12 points and 11 caroms to go along with three assists, three blocks and a five steals. Boutilette connected on 6 of 8 field goal attempts.

Trailing 18-17 in the first half, the Bears outscored the Owls 22-2 over the final 7 ½ minutes to take control of the game. Cosby scored 10 of her 15 points during the run. Bridgewater got up by as many as 26 points (62-36) in the final stanza before settling for the 62-42 win.

The Bears shot 44 percent (27-62) from the floor and limited the Owls to just 22 percent (13-58) shooting. Bridgewater also forced 20 turnovers which led to 13 points thanks in part to 13 steals.

Freshman guard Jen Ashton led the way for Westfield with nine points, eight rebounds and four steals. Senior guard Janae Jones of Springfield added eight points and five steals.

In upcoming action, Bridgewater travels to Worcester State University next Thursday for a 6:00 PM MASCAC game. Westfield heads to conference rival MCLA on Tuesday evening to take on the Trailblazers at 5:30.

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*Freshman reserve guard Danielle Perkins (No. 33) grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds vs. Bridgewater.* (File photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

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# MCLA Rallies Past Westfield, 56-53

*Jenny Bell had 12 points, 6 rebounds and 5 steals vs. MCLA.* (Photo by www.spartansportshots.com)

NORTH ADAMS – The MCLA women's basketball team overcame a slow start, rallying late in the second half to nip the visiting Westfield State Owls 56-53, yesterday.

MCLA improves to 8-7 overall, 2-1 in the conference. The Owls drop to 8-9 overall, 1-3 in the league.

MCLA never led in the contest until late in the second half when Alie Dobrovolc's drive gave the Trailblazers a 52-50 lead with 2:38 remaining. The Owls trimmed it to a point on a Jen Ashton free throw setting up a frantic final minute.

Trailblazer Jen Wehner, who finished with a double-double of 20 points and 14 rebounds, scored on a putback giving MCLA a 54-51 lead. Westfield freshman center Gabby Felixconnected with 54 seconds left, making it 54-53. Opting to defend rather than foul, Westfield forced a Dobrovolc turnover then called a timeout with six seconds remaining.

With the Owls inbounding the ball in front of their bench, Ashton fumbled the pass, which ended up in Danielle Scolpino's arms with just a second remaining. Her two free throws cinched the game for MCLA.

In the opening period, MCLA began the contest 2 for 21 from the field as the Owls jumped out to a 22-7 lead after Gabby Felix drained a jumper in the paint. The Trailblazers began warming up, eventually using a 12-2 to cut the deficit to just five at 24-19. Westfield settled for a 29-22 lead at halftime.

MCLA shot a paltry 23 percent for the half while committing 14 turnovers. Westfield checked in at 38 percent, but was hampered by 12 first-half turnovers.

For the game, Wehner shot 7 for 15 from the floor and added eight offensive rebounds. Dobrovolc chipped in with 14 points, while Scolpino finished with a season-high 11 points in her first start of the year.

For the Owls, Ashton had 15 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals, and 4 assists.Jenny Bell finished with 12 point and five steals, while Felix added 10.

MCLA rebounded from the slow start to shoot 41 percent in the second half. MCLA committed 22 turnovers. Westfield was hampered by poor free throw shooting as they shot just 53 percent (9-17) for the game.

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tive," O'Brien said. "These kids expect to win."

While the men have continued to breed success throughout the years, the women have come to expect the same.

"Once (track athletes) won a few times, it's been an expectation ever since," O'Brien said. "The women wanted to have that like the guys do. It has just steamrolled from there."

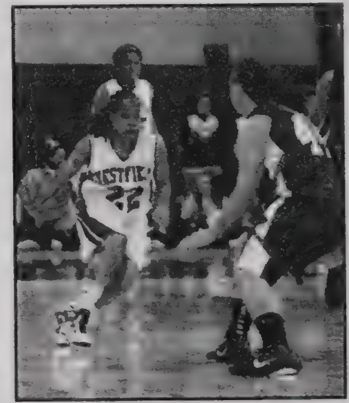
The women's team received 15 votes in the pre-season poll, edging out Worcester State, which amassed 13 points.

Some names to keep an eye out for this season for the Lady Owls: Laura Poore (triple jump, long jump), Amy Wing (North Reading), Cassidy Noonan (400 meters), and Marie Gullino.

The indoor track season begins for Westfield State on Saturday, December 3 when the Owls participate in the Springfield Invitational.

**SECOND PLACE A SLAM DUNK FOR HOOPSTERS:** The Westfield State men's and women's basketball teams are both ranked second in the MASCAC preseason poll. MCLA is the top pick among league coaches for the women, while the popular pick for the men is Salem State.

The Lady Owls open the season this evening against Smith College at the Keene State Tournament. The men begin play against Wheelock in the Emmanuel College Tournament on Friday. Both games are scheduled to begin at 7.



*Westfield State's Janae Jones (22) makes a move on an Eastern Connecticut player.* (Photo courtesy of WSU)

# Westfield State basketball teams have record setting night

**Matt Jardin**
Sports Reporter

Westfield State has two new record holders after both the men's and women's basketball teams won their games Tuesday night against Worcester State.

Jen Ashton, a freshmen guard for the Owls, went into Tuesday night's game tied for most steals in a single season with 92.

Ashton has been averaging 4.6 steals a game, which has her ranked at number eight in the country. She now has 98 steals on the season after a six steal performance on Tuesday night.

With 11:42 on the left clock in the first half, Ashton managed to get the ball away from Worchester's Cheyenne Jennings. With that steal, Ashton broke a 19 year old record held by Robyn Wainwright.

Head coach Andrea Bertini said, "I played with Robyn, Jen is in great company."

When asked about her record Jen said, "I set the record?" She was asked how she felt and said, "good." She was speechless after that.

Westfield won the game 74-52. Ashton also had 12 points and six assists in the victory.

Not too much later when the men's game stared, Lee Vazquez got on a role early, nailing 7-10 three-point shots, two of which came within seconds of each other as a teammate stole the ball and assisted a wide open three by Vazquez. He had 28 points in the first half.

When the team came out for the second half, Vazquez hit an early three and then missed his next few attempts.

But with the clock winding done and his team up big, Vazquez snuck into a cozy position just before the arch of the three point line, and he was wide open. He pulled up and made the shot with ease for his record tying ninth three-pointer of the game.

"He's been great at home, I couldn't be happier for him," coach Rich Sutter said of Vazquez's performance.

"I was just feeling it out there, I've been working on my jump shot before classes and I feel good at home," said Vazquez.

The men won their game 81-49. Vazquez contributed 41 points to his team as well as five rebounds and five steals.

Both the men and women play their next games this Saturday, Feb. 4 at home against Bridgewater State.

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## WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

# Keene Clips Westfield in Tip-Off Finals, 64-58

*Westfield seniors, left to right, Jenny Bell, Janae Jones and Briana Kelly, accept the Keene State Tip-Off Tournament runner-up trophy. Bell and Kelly, key starters for the Owls last season, have been sidelined for the first three games this season with injuries.* **(Photo by Chris Palermo, Keene State)**

KEENE, N.H. – The combination of the old and new led the Keene State College women's basketball team to a 64-58 victory over Westfield State University in the championship game of the 16th Annual KSC Tip-Off Tournament at Spaulding Gym on Saturday.

Freshman Courtney Roberts (Sutton, Mass.) scored a season high 20 points and senior Country Cirillo (Windsor Locks, Conn.) finished with 19 points, leading the KSC Owls to their 14th consecutive title."We moved the ball around and everyone came up with big plays," said Cirillo, who was named the tournament's MVP. "Last year a lot was put on my shoulders, so it's very refreshing that we have other options this year. I have so much confidence in my teammates – I know I can count on them."

"We've won the tournament all my four years. That's a real nice feeling, Cirillo added.

The KSC Owls (3-0) did a nice job running the court in the early going. Senior Meghan Farrell (Chester, Vt.), seeing her first action after an injury, found Cirillo off a break for a basket. Later in the half, senior Sara Laudano (North Haven, Conn.) pass from center court to a streaking sophomore Carly Kiernan (Topsfield, Mass.) for a lay-up put the host team up 18-10 with 7:09 to go in the half.

Westfield went on a 12-2 run, taking a 22-20 lead on a jumper by freshman Sinely Vegerano (Springfield, Mass.) with 1:50 to play. The two teams were tied 24-all at halftime.

Senior Niki Cote (Ashford, Conn.), one of the smallest players on the court at 5-foot, spearheaded an 11-2 KSC run coming out of the break. The point guard knocked down a three-pointer from the top of the circle, made a steal to set up a hoop by Cirillo and took a charge at the other end of the court. She fed Roberts for a lay-up that gave KSC a 35-26 lead at the 15:42 mark.

"I was just trying to play hard and leave everything on the court," said Cote, who was named to the All-tournament team. "I'm playing with a lot more confidence and that helped me with my game."

Back-to back baskets by Roberts extended KSC's lead to 42-28 with 13:10 to play.

Westfield scored 11 unanswered points to get within two points (44-42) with 8:14 to go on a conventional three-point play by freshman Jen Ashton (Beverly, Mass.) and a three-point hoop from the corner by junior Courtney Kegresse (Adams, Mass.).

KSC came back behind Farrell who hit a couple of jumpers in the paint as Keene State took a 55-47 lead with 5:19 to play. A minute later, Cirillo found Roberts underneath to make it 58-47. A second lay-up and a pair of free throws by Roberts gave KSC a 62-48 lead and its tip-off title.

"I got a couple of early fouls in the first half, so I was glad I was able to come back and help my team," said Roberts, who was also selected to the All-Tournament team. "We really gel well together and we work well together on the court. It's nice to win the championship in my first year."

Farrell also finished in double figures, scoring 10 points to go with a team high seven rebounds. KSC shot well from the field, hitting 25 of its 48 shots (52%). They also out-rebounded WSU 38-29.

All-Tournament team members senior Janae Jones (Springfield, Mass.) and Ashton each finished with 14 points to lead Westfield State (1-2). Ashton also pulled down a game high nine rebounds. Junior Angela Paterson (Nantucket, Mass.) also had 10 points.

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*Westfield freshman Jen Ashton (No. 3) records another steal as teammate Janae Jones looks on.* **(File photo by www.spartansportshots.com)**

# Ashton, Paterson Pace Owls Past Falcons

## *Westfield Takes 46-23 Halftime Lead In Coasting To 84-66 Win*

WESTFIELD – Freshman guard Jen Ashton (Beverly) had game highs of 29 points, nine steals and seven assists, along with a team-high six rebounds, and junior reserve guard Angela Paterson (Nantucket) dropped in 20 points to power Westfield State University to an 84-66 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference victory on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The Owls, who bolted to a 46-23 halftime lead, improved to 9-10 overall and 2-4 in the conference. The Falcons, who won their first 11 games, are 14-4 and 2-4.

"The game went well; it was helpful to shoot well and we played much better defensively," said Westfield coach Andrea Bertini.

The Owls led from the start but broke open the game in the final 12 minutes of the first half. Leading 13-11 at the 12:06 mark, Westfield went on a scoring spree led by Ashton and 3-point shooting specialists Paterson and junior guard Courtney Kegresse (Adams/Hoosac Valley).

Ashton already had put up a final game line total at the end of the first half with 16 points, five rebounds, five assists and seven steals. Paterson was a perfect 4-for-4 from beyond the arc while Kegresse canned 3 of 7 treys. Paterson finished the game 5-for-7 in 3-point attempts while Kegresse was 4-for-10.

"Jen played well but not just Jen. The upperclassmen really stepped it up," said Bertini.

"Fitchburg is known for their zone so we just swung the ball to get the open shots…" said Ashton.

"I felt like everything just fell in, especially in the second half," Ashton added.

Westfield continued its stellar offensive and defensive play at the outset of the second half, leading by as many at 32 points, 63-31, with 14:30 remaining.

The Owls played a stifling defense for most of the opening 30 minutes, forcing 32 Fitchburg turnovers while registering 20 steals.

"We emphasized defense pressure in practice and it was good to force turnovers," said Westfield senior guard Janae Jones (Springfield/Minnechaug).

Jones also played well offensively though she did not score. The 4-11 point guard dished out 12 assists, one shy of the school record.

"I was trying to create for myself but when that didn't work I tried to put the ball into the hands of my teammates and they did of good job of cutting and getting open," said Jones.

The Falcons ended up outscoring the Owls, 43-38, in the second half mainly because of their effort form the foul line. Fitchburg finished 28 for 32 from the charity stripe, including 21-for-24 in the second half.

"We need to work on keeping teams off the foul line and continue to get better defensively." said Bertini.

The Owls were only 7 for 16 from the foul line but they shot 46 percent from the field, including 11-for-38 from 3-point land. Kegresse tallied 14 points and junior guard Jenny Bell (Northampton) added 10 points and five steals.

Sophomore forward Amy Fahey (Wilmington) led Fitchburg with 21 points and sophomore guard Laura Cote (Ashby) had 18 markers. Senior forward Rebecca Goreham (Quincy) grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

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# Ashton Delivers Again For Westfield State University

## *Freshman's 19-11-9-8 Stat Line Leads Owls By Blazers, 67-46*

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Freshman guard Jen Ashton (Beverly) continued her outstanding all-around play, racking up 19 points, 11 rebounds, nine assists and eight steals to lead Westfield State University to a 67-46 victory over Elms College in a non-conference women's basketball game on Saturday, Dec. 17.

The young Westfield squad is 6-6 at the semester break while Elms moves to 5-3.

Ashton's effort capped a superb week as the athletic 5-6 guard had a school record 13 steals and team highs of 13 points, nine rebounds and six steals to lead Westfield to a 54-47 victory over UMass Boston on Dec. 13.

"Jen has a high basketball IQ, she is a real student of the game and understands where the ball is going to be thrown," said Westfield State head coach Andrea Bertini. "She doesn't do anything exceptionally well, she just does everything well. She is strong and an outstanding rebounder for a 5-6 guard. She has deceptive quickness and always has her hand in the passing lanes. "

Ashton put up a first half line that most players would love to have for an entire game. She compiled 17 points, eight rebounds, five assists and five steals in pacing the Owls to a 36-28 halftime lead.

Westfield led by single digits in the opening 16 minutes of the first half until Elms took its only lead, 26-25, on a jumper by Jen Normandie (Westford) with 3:59 remaining. The Owls outscored the Blazers, 11-2, the remainder of the first half for their 36-28 lead.

Westfield junior guard Angela Paterson (Nantucket) sparked the lat first-half run by scoring five points, including one of the two 3-point baskets the teams made the entire game.

Freshman forward Denisha Parks (Fall River) and Normandie led the Blazer first-half attack with 13 and 10 points, respectively. But each player only scored two points in the second half as Westfield focused its defense on stopping the Elms leading scorers.

Westfield, meanwhile, had a more balanced offense in the second half with Ashton only scoring two of its 31 points.

The Owls took their first double-digit lead, 43-31, on Paterson's second 3-pointer at the 15:58 mark. Westfield gradually expanded the lead and led by as many at 22, 63-41, with 4:15 remaining.

"We played a very good second half," said Bertini. "Some things that we do well we were getting away from in the first half. But in the second half our defense and offensive rebounding were better and we moved the ball well."

Paterson and Courtney Kegresse (Adams/Hoosac Valley) both scored 10 points and senior point guard Janae Jones(Springfi Minnechaug) had six points, six assists three steals. Freshman center Gabby F (Springfield/Commerce) finished with points and eight rebounds.

Parks led the Blazers with 15 points a game-high 12 rebounds. Normandie fini with 12 points and Erika Murphy (Torring CT) had a double-double of 10 points an rebounds.

The Owls only made 2 of 17 attempts f 3-point range and shot 39 percent from field. They outrebounded the Blazers, 51 and were credited with 19 assists on 30 goals made.

Elms, which was only whistled for five sonal fouls the entire game, shot 29 pe from the floor, including a 0-for-8 effort 3-point range.

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*Gabby Felix, left, and Jen Ashton battle for ball possession. Ashton led the Owls with a school record 13 steals, 13 points, 9 rebounds and 6 assists and Felix had 10 points and 7 rebounds vs. UMass Boston.* (File photo by fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

# Westfield State University Topples UMass Boston

## *Ashton Sets School Record With 13 Steals In 54-37 Victory*

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Freshman guard Jen Ashton (Beverly) had a school record 13 steals and team highs of 13 points, nine rebounds and six steals to lead Westfield State University to a 54-47 victory over UMass Boston in a non-conference women's basketball game on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Ashton, who nearly posted her second triple-double this season, shattered the school record for steals. The previous record was 10 steals set by Lekeisha Walker vs. Juniata (Pa.) College in 2004.

Ashton's first-half line was 2 points, 4 rebounds, 5 assists, 5 steals but the Owls led at the intermission, 33-18, after erasing an early 7-0 deficit.

Freshman center Gabby Felix (Springfield/Commerce) scored eight of her 10 points in the opening six minutes to spark Westfield to a 14-8 lead. Junior guard Angela Paterson (Nantucket) scored seven of her 10 points in the first half as the Owls exhibited a balanced attack.

Westfield took its first double-digit lead, 21-10, on a 3-point basket by Paterson at the 10:51 mark. Westfield outscored UMass Boston 8-0 in the final 4:35 of the first half for its 33-18 halftime edge. The Owls led by 24 points, 49-25, with 10:40 remaining but they only scored five points the remainder of the game.

Westfield shot 39 percent in the first half and committed only seven turnovers, but both teams struggled in the second half, shooting an identical 22 percent. The Owls only outscored the Beacons, 21-19, in the final 20 minutes, with Ashton leading the way with 11 points, five rebounds and eight steals.

Felix finished with seven rebounds and senior point guard Janae Jones (Springfield/Minnechaug) contributed six points and five assists.

Freshman center Kirsten Morrison (North Reading) led the Beacons with game-highs of 17 points, 13 rebounds and four blocked shots. Lauren Perra (Taunton) tallied nine points.

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# Westfield Handles Castleton State

## *Freshmen Gabby Felix, Molly Waitt Spark Non-Conference Victory*

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Freshman center Gabby Felix (Springfield/Commerce) had game highs of 17 points and 12 rebounds and freshman guard Molly Waitt (Melrose/Austin Prep) totaled 14 points and nine rebounds to pace Westfield State University to a 70-56 victory over Castleton (Vt.) State College in a non-conference game on Wednesday.

The Owls own a 7-6 record heading into their conference opener, a home game on Saturday, Jan. 7, vs. Salem State University. Castleton is 6-4.

"This was a nice win for us to start the new year," said Westfield head coach Andrea Bertini. "We are still trying to develop some chemistry out there on the court and I was encouraged with today's effort.

"It was good to see two other freshmen step up for us (besides standout freshman guard Jen Ashton)," Bertini continued. "Gabby and Molly were definitely the keys today."

The Owls also were bolstered by the return of defensive standout Jenny Bell (Northampton). The junior guard played in her first game this season after being sidelined during the fall semester with an injury.

"Jenny out there it makes us a better team," said Bertini.

With Felix and Waitt combining for 18 first-half points, Westfield led at the intermission, 36-25. The Owls shot 43 percent from the field (4 for 9 from 3-point range) in building a 17-point lead, 36-19, late in the first half. But the scrappy Spartans scored the final six points.

Castleton stayed within striking distance by making eight 3-point baskets in the game, but Westfield began to gradually pull away in the second half.

Westfield led by 11 points, 53-42, with 7:35 remaining, then went on a 12-3 run over the next three minutes for a commanding 65-45 advantage.

Westfield junior reserve guard Angela Paterson (Nantucket) also scored in double figures with 11 points. Ashton was saddled with foul trouble and finished with eight points and five rebounds, but she continued to create havoc defensively with six steals. Bell had a team-high five assists, six rebounds and two steals. The Owls won the battle of the boards, 50-34.

Alyssa Leonard led Castleton with 15 points and six rebounds. Christine Jacques had 13 points and five assists. The Spartans shot 35 percent from the field.

*Westfield freshman center Gabby Felix posted game highs of 17 points and 12 rebounds vs. Castleton State.* (fatdogfotos.smugmug.com)

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## WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Westfield State clobbers Emerson College

### *Lady Owls' Ashton nets triple-double*

WESTFIELD – Freshman guard Jen Ashton (Beverly, Mass.) notched a triple-double with 13 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists to lead the Westfield State University women's basketball team to a 76-49 victory over Emerson College on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Ashton was one of four players scoring in double figures for the 2-3 Owls, who have five players, including two returning starters, sidelined with injuries.

Also scoring in double digits were freshman Molly Waitt (15), junior Courtney Kegresse (15), and junior Angela Paterson (10). In addition, senior point guard Janae Jones had eight points and six assists and freshman center Gabby Felix contributed eight points and eight rebounds. Ashton also posted a game-high four steals to complement her triple-double while playing 31 minutes.

In a superb team statistic, the Owls dished out 24 assists on their 32 field goals. Westfield only committed 11 turnovers and shot 46 percent form the field. Emerson had 19 turnovers and shot 32 percent.

"We played exceptionally well tonight," said Westfield head coach Andrea Bertini. "We did pass the ball well but the biggest thing was that we all played hard from start to finish."

The Owls never trailed, beginning with a driving layup thru traffic by Ashton in the opening minute of play. Westfield went on a 10-0 run, capped by a 3-pointer from Kegresse, to take a 20-7 lead with 8:38 remaining in the first half. The Owls led at halftime, 30-15, as Ashton swiped the ball and passed to Jones for a buzzer beating layup.

Westfield continued its fine play in the second half and doubled up Emerson, 56-28, on another three-ball from Kegresse with 10:20 remaining. The Owls were 3 for 8 from beyond the arc with Kegresse shooting 3 for 5. Emerson, meanwhile, was 5 for 25 from 3-point range.

Emerson's Olivia DiNucci, a 5-10 junior guard/forward from Pittsburgh, Pa., scored a game-high 18 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds. Reserve forward Marissa Nobile finished with 10 points.

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# Salve Regina Bounces WSU

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior center Lindsay Shorey (Ashland, Mass.) scored a game-high 17 points, including her 1,000thcareer point, and junior guard Kaitlyn Birrell (Hope, RI) had 13 points and game highs of nine rebounds, five assists and six steals to lead Salve Regina University to a 63-37 women's basketball victory over Westfield State University on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Salve Regina, which lost to Westfield in the Keene State tournament earlier this season, is now 3-4. Westfield drops to 4-6.

Both teams struggled from the field (Salve Regina shot 32 percent, Westfield 28 percent) for the game, but Salve jumped out to a 34-21 halftime lead by converting Westfield turnovers into 10 fast break points.

Westfield committed 16 of its 29 turnovers in the first half. Salve Regina finished with 22 turnovers but the Seahawks came up huge at the foul line, canning 24 of 27 free throws, including their first 20 attempts of the game. Meanwhile, Westfield was 7 for 10 from the charity stripe.

With the score tied at 10-all, Salve Regina scored six straight points, including two Birrell layups, to take the lead for good, 16-10. The Seahawks gradually built the lead the remainder of the first half for its 13-point edge at the break.

The Owls' shooting woes continued; they were outscored 9-2 in the opening five minutes of the second half as the Seahawks took a commanding 20-point, 44-24, lead.

Even though both team only made six field goals in the second half, Salve was able to pull away by canning 16 of 19 free throws. A step behind most of the game, Westfield was whistled for 21 fouls while Salve Regina committed 10 fouls.

Sparked by freshman reserve center Gabby Felix(Springfield/Commerce HS), who was Westfield's only player in double figures with 11 points, the Owls sliced the Salve lead to 13 points, 46-33, with 10:57 remaining.

But Shorey stalled the Westfield comeback by converting an old fashioned 3-point at the 10:33 mark in scoring her 1,000thcareer point. Shorey made a five-foot baseline runner with her left hand in reaching the magic milestone and was fouled while executing the nice move. The 6-0 center now has 1,004 career points.

Also scoring in double figures for the Seahawks was sophomore forward Marissa Pendergast (Mefield, Mass.) with 13 points; she grabbed eight rebounds.

Freshman guard Molly Waitt (Melrose, Mass/Austin Prep HS) had seven points and a team-high seven rebounds for the Owls.

*Westfield and Salve Regina players battle for a rebound during first half action.* (Photos by Mickey Curtis)

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# WSU stops Salem State, 74-67

## *Ashton (25 Points, 5 Steals) Leads Owls To Big Road Victory*

*Freshmen Gabby Felix and Jen Ashton collapse on a Salem player in the low post. A strong defensive effort the final minutes of the game lifted Westfield to a big win at Salem.* (File photo by www.spartansportshots.com)

SALEM - Jen Ashton finished with 25 points and five steals, outdueling fellow rookie Rachael Carter, who had 24 points and 10 rebounds, to lead the Westfield State Owls to a 74-67 victory over the Salem State Vikings on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Westfield State, which entered the contest tied for last in league play, improved to 10-10, 3-4 in the MASCAC. Salem State, which had been tied for the league lead, fell to 9-11, 5-2. In the first meeting between the teams on Jan. 7 in Westfield, the Vikings held on for a 61-60 triumph.

The Owls used a superb defensive effort to spark a 10-2 run over a three-and-half minute span, which broke a 61-61 tie to take control. Ashton had a pair of steals and breakaway layups, and Courtney Kegresse (Adams, MA) hit a long three from the corner to give the Owls a 71-63 lead with 1:46 left. Kegresse was fouled while making the big three but she came up short on the free throw.

Salem State missed four field goals and turned the ball over five times during that span, and the Vikings were also called for an offensive foul when Bridget Dullea picked up her fifth personal on a charge.

The Vikings would not get closer than six the rest of the way.

The second half was a back-and-forth affair, with the nine lead changes. The Vikings scored the first hoop of the period but Westfield State tore off a 10-0 run to take the lead, 45-39. The Owls' spurt coincided with cold shooting by the Vikings, as they hit just one of their first seven shots of the half.

Kristen Federico snapped the drought with a rebound basket off a Carter miss, and Carter hit back-to-back threes to put the Vikings back in front, 47-45 with 14:31 remaining.

Ashton hit a pair of threes and scored eight straight points as the Owls jumped back on top 53-52, but Carter responded with seven straight Salem State points of her own, the last of which came on a mid-range jumper that knotted the game at 59 with seven minutes remaining.

Ashton finished 9-12 from the field. She was joined in double figures by Gabby Felix (Springfield, MA), who had 10 points and a team-high eight rebounds. The Owls shot 38 percent (26-68) for the game, but only turned the ball over eight times.

Carter was 8-17 from the field, including 4-6 from three-point range. She added five assists and was joined in double figures by Dullea (10 points), and Breanna Comeau who had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Vikings shot 41 percent from the field, including 7-19 from three-point range. They outrebounded Westfield State 51-38, but were victimized by 21 turnovers. In another key statistic, Westfield was 15 for 23 from the free throw line, Salem only shot eight free throws the entire game, making six.

The Vikings return to action on Tuesday when they travel to MCLA for a 5:30 pm contest while Westfield State hosts Worcester State at 5:30.

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# Late charge not enough as women's basketballs falls to Bridgewater

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

Bridgewater State's women's basketball team was able to secure a key MASCAC victory with a 72-67 win over Westfield State in the first game of a doubleheader for Westfield's men's and women's basketball teams against Bridgewater last Saturday afternoon.

With the victory, Bridgewater's record went to 15-6 (8-1 MASCAC record) while the loss by the Owls brought their record to an even 11-11 (4-5 MASCAC record).

Sophomore guard Jenna with a career-high 29 points in the game, including 23 in the second half.

The game was close throughout with several lead changes between the teams, and Westfield possessed an eight-point lead early in the second half.

But that lead evaporated quickly after Williamson took over, scoring seven straight points, and the Bears went on a 13-0 run to take a 55-50 lead.

Westfield trailed by a score of 66-63 late in the game but scored four quick points to take a 67-66 lead with just over a minute remaining on the clock.

once again contained Westfield's strong push, and went on a 6-0 run to end the game to take the 72-67 victory.

WSU freshman guard Jen Ashton had another strong performance for the Owls with 24 points (10 points more than her team leading average of 14.9 points per game), 11 rebounds and a game-high five steals to lead Westfield.

Ashton ranks fourth nationally in the NCAA Division III in steals per game (4.7).

Ashton two weeks ago broke the school record for steals in a season with 93, a record that was unmatched for 19 years, held by Robyn Wain-

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Jen Ashton continued her stellar play against BSU.

In addition to Ashton, the Owls were helped out by freshman center Gabby Felix who had 14 points and seven boards, and Jenny Bell, who had 10 points, seven rebounds and a game high seven assists.

Following a tough 72-70 home loss against MCLA on Tuesday night, Westfield takes on Framingham State at the Woodward Center on Tuesday, Feb. 4th at 5:30 p.m. It will be the final home game of the season for the Owls.

Now sitting at 11-12 with a 4-6 MASCAC record, Westfield will hope to finish the regular season strong.

With two conference games left, the Owls will look to improve their seeding heading into the MASCAC tournament later this moth.

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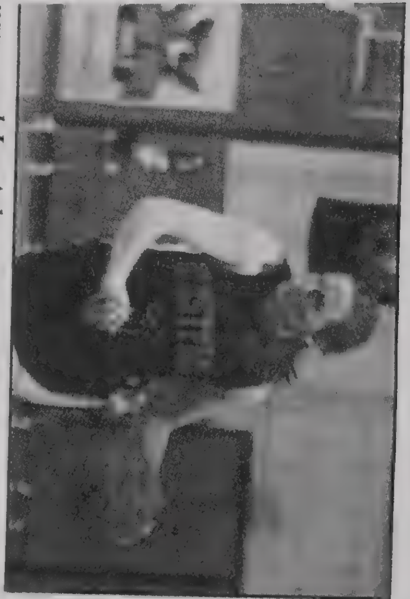

*nan guard Jen Ashton was an all-tournament team on at the Regis College Tournament.*

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Monks did not give up easily and rallied to cut the to seven points five minutes into the second period. back was capped by the strong shooting of Ashley powered through the low post to hit a jumper to score 38-31 in favor of the Owls. The run would be l as the Owls connected on eight straight points to go nany as 16. The run was capped by two key baskets or point guard Janae Jones, who finished with nine the day.

nks were led on offense by Nicolette Kapothanas, 50 percent from the three-point arc to put up a team points. Fellow teammate and Pride Invitational All-nt recipient Lindsey Moore chipped in with six nd 10 points.

vls will play their next game against Eastern ıt State Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. The Monks will r next contest against Bridgewater State Wednesday 00 p.m.

# MCLA Rallies Past Westfield State, 72-70

WESTFIELD – Senior center Jen Wehner (Cooperstown, NY) had game highs of 21 points and 13 rebounds and senior guard Alie Dobrovolc (Little Falls, NY) nearly posted a triple-double with 19 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists to rally MCLA to a 72-70 comeback victory over Westfield State University on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

MCLA, which swept the regular season series, is now 12-10 overall and 5-4 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC). Westfield falls to 11-12 and 4-6.

MCLA jumped out to an early 10-4 lead in the exciting game between the Western Mass. rivals, but sparked by freshman guardJen Ashton's (Beverly) 16 first-half points Westfield led at the intermission, 33-29.

The Owls built their lead to 12 points, 48-36, on a pair of free throws by junior guard Jenny Bell (Northampton) with 12:58 remaining. But the Trailblazers quickly got back into the game, scoring six straight points to trail 48-42 at the 12:19 mark. MCLA junior guard Lucy Tremblay (East Greenbush, NY), who scored 19 key points, drained one of her four 3-point baskets to cut the deficit to nine. Wehner, who scored 17 of her 21 points in the second half, followed with a layup.

Westfield's biggest lead the remainder of the game was nine points, 51-42, on a jumper by junior guard Courtney Kegresse (Adams/Hoosac Valley) with 11:44 remaining.

Following two Ashton free throws, the Owls led by five points, 61-56, with 3:58 remaining when a series of key plays unfolded. Ashton was called for a questionable foul – her fourth personal – in the MCLA frontcourt as she and the Trailblazers' Olivia McMullen were going after a loose ball at the 3:43 mark. McMullen canned a free throw to make it 61-57.

Ashton then exited the game 16 seconds later as she was whistled for her fifth personal foul on a charging call.

The opportunistic Trailblazers went on a 12-0 run to take a 68-61 lead with 53 seconds remaining. Wehner keyed the critical run with seven points and Tremblay made a 3-point basket.

Westfield did not fold, however, and closed to within three points several times. Kegresse drained a pair of free throws and Bell made a layup for a 68-65 score with 34 seconds remaining. Tremblay put the lead back to five with a layup at the 26-second mark then Bell converted another layup with 16 seconds remaining.

Tremblay made two free throws with 10 seconds remaining for a 72-67 count and Kegresse canned a 3-pointer with a second remaining.

In addition to nearly posting a triple-double, Doborovolc moved closer to the magic milestone of 1,000 career points; she now has 996 points.

Ashton had another fine all around game with 20 points, seven steals, six assists and six rebounds. She ranks fifth nationally in the NCAA Division III in steals per game (4.7).

Scoring 12 points apiece for Westfield were Kegresse, Bell and freshman center Gabby Felix (Springfield/Commerce), who also fouled out late in the game. Felix had a team-high seven rebounds. Senior point guard Janae Jones had nine points and eight assists.

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*Westfield's Angela Paterson drives by MCLA's Danielle Beauchamp on the baseline.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

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# Janae Jones savors Senior Night in

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**Mickey Curtis and Matt Jardin**

Senior point guard Janae Jones (Springfield/Minnechaug HS) scored a career-high 18 points and freshman guard Jen Ashton (Beverly) had 19 points, eight assists and four steals to lead Westfield State to a 74-52 Senior Night victory over Framingham State on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Westfield is 12-12 overall and 5-6 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference with one game remaining in the regular season, this Saturday at Fitchburg State. Framingham State is 12-12 and 3-9.

The Owls avenged an earlier loss to the Rams but the victory was far from easy in the final regular season home game. Leading 48-45 with 9:08 remaining, Westfield outscored Framingham, 26-7, over the game final nine minutes to finally pull away.

Jones sparked the surge by scoring 14 of her 18 points in the second half. The speedy 4-11 point guard also had three assists and four steals and only two turnovers.

"Janae played a phenomenal game," said Westfield head coach Andrea Bertini. "Her defense was great and she always found the ball. She was tough on their point guard and offensively she kept control of the game and took good shots."

"I felt loose. I knew Framingham was going to come play even though it was our Senior Day and I am glad we pulled out the win," said Jones. "I am just surprised at how easy they (points) came to me. I got going early and never slowed down."

Both teams had first-half scoring runs. Paced by the 3-point shooting of junior guard Courtney Kegresse (Adams/Hoosac Valley), the Owls jumped out to an early 14-4 lead. But the scrappy Rams moved the ball well offensively and went on a 13-0 run to take a 17-14 lead.

Westfield trailed 25-20 but closed the first half with a 10-2 run for a 30-27 lead. Kegresse canned a trey and freshman center Gabby Felix (Springfield/Commerce) converted an old fashioned 3-point play during the run.

Stephanie White and her family are honored during Senior Night.

"It was up and down. We wanted to play a fast-paced game and that's what we did, forcing turnovers" said Jones. "Framingham is known for the scoring runs they go on and we limited those."

Westfield took an 11-point, 43-32 lead on a Jones layup at the 15-minute mark. But the Rams kept battling back, led by a pair of 3-point baskets by junior guard Madeleine Park (Blue Hill, Maine), who scored a game-high 20 points, to pull within three points, 48-45, with 9:08 remaining.

Westfield then closed the game with its 26-7 run sparked by a strong defensive effort and the scoring of Jones, Ashton, and Felix.

"Our defensive second half was strong" said Bertini. "We kept them off the glass and overall it was a really good team win. A lot of players were fighting thru physical ailments."

Jones was somewhat sentimental after playing in her 103rd career game for the Owls on Senior Night. She was honored prior to the game along with senior reserve guard Stephanie White (Easthampton), a transfer from Holyoke Community College.

"Everybody asked me if I was going to cry and I didn't," said Jones "When the season is over I am really going to miss it and the team is really a great support group."

"Janae has had good success over four years and she has really improved," Bertini said. "Steph has only been here for two years and her game improved and she was the perfect team player."

The future is bright for the Owls with two freshman starters in Ashton, the team's leading scorer who ranks fourth nationally in steals.

And Felix had a monster game that was overshadowed by Jones' Senior Night effort as the 6-0 center posted a double-double with 14 points and 18 rebounds.

Kegresse had 14 points in the balanced attack. Westfield shot 49 percent for the game, including 57 percent in the second half.

Also scoring in double figures for Framingham were sophomore guard Kristen Hoffman (Foxboro) with 12 points and junior forward Kia Minor (Edgartown) with 10. Hoffman was held to two second-half points.

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# Framingham State Defeats Westfield State

FRAMINGHAM – The Framingham State University women's basketball team overcame a five point half-time deficit to defeat Westfield State University, 71-59, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 21, in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's basketball action at Framingham's Athletic Center.

The Rams improve to 10-7 on the year and 2-4 in the conference, while the Owls fall to 8-10 overall and 1-4 in the MASCAC.

With the Rams leading 7-6, the Owls used a 12-4 run to take the half's largest lead (18-11) with 9:31 remaining. Freshman guard Jen Ashton (Beverly, Mass.) started the spurt with back-to-back threes and capped the run with a driving lay-up in traffic.

The Rams answered with a 9-4 run of their own with junior guard Madeleine Park (Blue Hill, ME) scoring five on the spurt, including a deep three from the top of the key to cut the Owls lead down to two (22-20) with just under six minutes on the clock.

The Owls pushed the lead back to seven on a lay-up from freshman forward Gabby Felix (Springfield, Mass.) and an Angela Paterson (Nantucket, Mass.) three pointer before the Owls took a 33-28 lead into the locker room.

Westfield State extended their lead back to seven in the opening minute of the second half on a Felix layup, but it was all the Rams after that as a trifecta from sophomore guard Kristen Hoffman close as the Owls would get as the Rams went 8-of-10 from the line and received a layup from senior Jill Johnson (Mansfield, Mass.) in the closing minute to seal the win.

*Freshman guard Jen Ashton scored a game-high 21 points vs. Framingham. She also had 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 5 steals.* (Photo by www.spartansportshots.com)

Hoffman led a trio of Rams in double figures with a team-best 19 points including 9-of-9 from the free throw line to go along with six boards, five steals and five assists. Hoffman has not missed a free throw since January 5th and in the last six games is a perfect 30-for-30 from the line.

Park, who was coming off a career-best 32 points on Thursday night, chipped in 14 points and eight rebounds with four assists, while Minor finished with 13. Sophomore guard Cassie Liston (Stoneham, Mass.) finished with nine points and three helpers.

The Owls were led by

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# Worcester Eliminates WSU, 61-52

## *Double-Doubles, Free Throws Lead To Owls' MASCAC Tournament Loss*

WESTFIELD – Worcester State University had three players post double-doubles, including a game-high 17 points and 11 rebounds from freshman forward Shannen El-Qasem, as the Lancers defeated Westfield State University, 61-52, in the quarterfinals of the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) women's basketball postseason tournament yesterday.

No. 4 seed Worcester, 13-13 overall, advances to the semifinals and will play No. 1 seed Bridgewater State on Friday at 5:30 in Bridgewater. No. 4 seed Westfield, which defeated Worcester twice during the regular season, finishes 13-13.

Trailing 25-20 at halftime, the Lancers rallied for the road victory sparked by sensational free throw shooting and double-double efforts from El-Qasem, senior guard Kæigh Charette and junior center Meghan O'Keefe (Warren). Charette finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds and O'Keefe had 12 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

The Lancers were almost perfect from the foul line, making 25 of 28 attempts, including 19-for-20 in the second half when they outscored the struggling Owls, 4-27.

Charette was a perfect 10-for-10 from the charity stripe and sophomore guard Meaghan Burns was 8-for-8 to finish with eight points.

*Westfield 4-11 senior point guard Janae Jones dribbles around Worcester 6-1 center Meaghan O'Keefe.* **(Photo by David Harris-Fried)**

Both teams shot an identical 31 percent from the field but Worcester canned four 3-pointers while limiting Westfield to 1-for-7 shooting from beyond the arc. Westfield did turn in a solid effort from the foul line (17 for 26) but the Owls couldn't match the Lancers exceptional free throw shooting display.

Westfield did lead for most of the first half and took its biggest lead, 22-15, on a free throw from freshman center Gabby Felix (Springfield/Commerce), who led the Owls with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Westfield again led by seven, 31-24, on a layup by senior point guard Janae Jones (Springfield/Minnechaug) with 16:02 remaining, but Worcester went on a 13-3 run for a 37-34 lead at the 9:53 mark.

Westfield knotted the score at 37-all when freshman reserve Molly Waitt made the Owls' only 3-point basket, then Worcester took the lead for good seconds later on two Charette free throws.

The Lancers maintained single-digit leads until the final seconds of the game. Westfield did cut the deficit to four, 50-46, on a pair of free throws from Jones, but El-Qasem converted a big layup at the 2:14 mark to make it 52-46. The Lancers drained 7 of 8 free throws in the final minutes.

Worcester freshman guard Cheyenne Jennings had seven points and a game-high six assists.

Westfield standout freshman guard Jen Ashton finished with 10 points, five rebounds, four assists and six steals despite being slowed by an injury. Also scoring in double figures was junior guard Jenny Bell (Northampton).

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MASCAC playoffs earning the sixth seed, while Westfield State (13-12, 6-6 MASCAC) claims the fourth seed for the tournament. The Falcons will travel to MCLA on Tuesday, while the Owls host Worcester State on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Ashton delivered another fine all-around effort and shot 9 for 19 from the field, including 3 for 4 from 3-point range. Freshman center Gabby Felix also played well with 16 points and seven rebounds.

Junior Amy Fahey led the Falcons offensive effort with a game-high 26 points, hitting 13-of-22 from the field and adding eight rebounds to the mix, while senior Rebecca Goreham (Quincy, Mass./North Quincy) added a double-double effort of 14 points and 15 caroms. With 15 caroms, Goreham moves into sixth on the Fitchburg State all-time rebounds list with 719 boards.

Westfield jumped out to an early 11-point lead at the break, using a 12-2 run midway through the period. The Owls extended their lead to eight at the 2:58 mark, and junior Angela Patterson's (Nantucket, Mass./Nantucket) three-pointer with 0:07 remaining gave the Owls the double-digit lead at intermission as Westfield State closed the half with a 5-0 run.

In the second half, the Owls turned up the heat, posting a 12-0 run to open the frame and snag a 48-25 advantage. Fitchburg State answered Westfield's rally with an 18-4 surge of its own, but that is as close as the Falcons would come as the Owls maintained a double-digit lead for the remainder of the contest.

Fitchburg State shot 38 percent, connecting on 24-of-63 shots from the field while Westfield State finished at 36 percent from the floor and 6-of-20 from beyond the arc.

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# Westfield Falls In Championship Round

WORCESTER, Mass. - Salem State senior Katelynn Fanning (East Boston, MA/St. Mary's) was named the MASCAC Softball Tournament Championship MVP as the Vikings came through the elimination bracket to capture the 2012 crown with a 6-2 victory over Westfield State on Sunday, May 6, at Rockwood Park.

Fanning twirled a one-hitter to help the Vikings take the first game of the day over the Owls by a 5-1 decision to force the if necessary contest.

Salem State (33-12), the tournament champion two of the last three years, will find out which regional it will compete via the selection show on NCAA.com at 10 AM. Potential sites include Eastern Connecticut State University and Amherst College. The Owls finish their 2012 season with a record of 21-20.

Fanning finished the tournament 2-0 with 20 strikeouts in 17 innings while allowing only one earned run. She also had a three-out save to her credit that sealed the 7-5 triumph over Bridgewater State in the elimination game of the semifinals.

Junior Lauren Garchinsky (Saugus, MA) snapped a scoreless game in the bottom of the third by sending a ball down the right field line to drive classmate Sarra Bergeron (Methuen, MA) from third and senior Michelle Grifoni (Peabody, MA), who came in from second on the throw back to the infield.

Salem State tacked on four runs in the bottom of the fourth for some insurance as junior Alyssa Bryan (Stoneham, MA) led off the frame drilling a solo shot to left field for her seventh homer of the season.

A trio of passed balls allowed senior Ashley Aldred (Arlington, MA), junior Christina Cipriani (Peabody, MA) and third-year Sarra Bergeron (Methuen, MA) to cross home plate as the Vikings opened up a 6-0 advantage.

With runners on the corners in the top of the sixth, Westfield State broke the shutout when senior Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro, MA) scampered home on a double-steal attenpt.

In the top of the seventh, Owls sophomore Molly Dunbar (Weymouth, MA) sent a blast over the left field fence with two outs as she collected her fourth round-tripper of the season. But the rally would fall short as a fly ball ended the game to give Salem State the crown.

Fanning started the title game and was relieved by Bryan in the second inning. Bryan (17-4) tossed the final five frames of the contest as she yielded five hits, two earned runs to go with four punch outs in the winning decision.

Bergeron and Grifoni each stole a pair of bases while Bergeron also scored twice as Bryan and Toussaint each had a pair of hits for Salem State.

DeGirolamo and freshman Vicki Hill (West Springfield, MA) each hit safely twice for the Owls.

Sophomore Kerry Alcott (Groton, MA) and senior Madeline Tomich (Alford, MA) each shared duties in the circle for Westfield State as the duo combined to strike out seven batters. Alcott was dealt the setback as she finishes the campaign at 7-8.

Down 1-0 entering the third inning of the opener, Vikings junior Sarra Bergeron (Methuen, MA) led off the inning with a double to left center on the first pitch. Bergeron came around to knot the score on an RBI fielder's choice put into play by Grifoni. Senior Gabbie Vitale (Danvers, MA) then singled down the right field line to drive in the go-ahead run.

Grifoni scampered home on an RBI groundout off the bat of Garchinsky for some insurance then the five-run third-inning socring surge was capped off by a two-run shot to left field by Bryan, for her sixth dinger of the season.

Westfield State scored its lone run in the bottom of the second as freshman Breanne Bisceglia (Worcester, MA / Burncoat) put the ball in play for an infield ground out to plate sophomore Bri Eichstaedt (Southampton, MA), who had reached first on a walk, advanced to second on a passed ball, and to third on a wild pitch.

After the third inning outburst by the Vikings, Fanning was outstanding as she set down 13 of her final 17 batters. Fanning (12-6) fanned nine and issued three walks in the one-hitter. Salem State sophomore Paige Flemming (Methuen, MA) aided her pitcher as she gunned down a pair of runners behind the dish.

Tomich shouldered the loss (12-9) as she surrendered five runs on five hits while setting down a pair of Vikings via strikeouts. Alcott did not allow a run on three hits in 4 2/3 of relief.

The Owls defense turned a pair of double-plays to keep the contest close including a strike-out, caught stealing play that saw junior Brittany Dussault (Chicopee, MA) cut down a runner.

Vitale and Bergeron completed the opening contest with a pair hits while Vitale also swiped three bags for a team-leading 13 stolen bases.

Hill had the lone base-knock for Westfield State with a single to left to lead-off the bottom of the fifth.

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# Westfield State Defeats Lasell College, 57-46

NEWTON – Freshman guard Jen Ashton (14 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals) and senior point guard Janae Jones (13 points, 4 steals) led Westfield State University to a 57-46 victory over Lasell College in women's basketball action on Thursday, Dec. 8.

The Lasers got off to a strong start against the Owls, with an early run that gave Lasell a 6-0 lead at the 15:57 mark. A Janae Jones layup put the Owls on the board for the first time. Seconds later, Jen Ashton sank a trey to bring the score to 6-5.

The visitors took their first lead of the game at 8:35 of the first half. On Lasell's next possession though, Danielle Autencio answered with a layup and added the extra point with a made foul shot. Jones tied the game again just after the eight minute mark to bring the score to 13-all. Consecutive buckets gave the Owls a six point lead over the Lasers with six and a half minutes remaining before the half.

The lead changed a total of seven times in the first half, but the Lasers were able to hold on to a 25-21 lead going into the break. Westfield's Angela Paterson led all scorers in the first half with 10 points, she also grabbed four rebounds for the Owls.

Lasell was led by Alysa O'Neill who had a total of seven points and nine rebounds in the opening half. The Lasers shot 32 percent from the field compared to Westfield's 20 percent.

Westfield came out hot in the second half and opened with an 8-1 run over the first three minutes. The Owls extended their lead to seven after a Jones trey at 12:31. At 9:29, Taevosha Rentas hit a left handed hook shot off of a pass from Justine Ryan to bring the Lasers within four, at 41-37.

Lasell was unable to gain any more ground on the Owls and trailed by as much as 17 with two and a half minutes left in the game.

Autencio led all players with 15 total points and nine rebounds, while shooting a perfect 9 for 9 from the free throw line. O'Neill tallied a career high and game high 14 rebounds, nine defensive and five offensive.

Ashton and Jones led the Owls with 14 and 13 points respectively. Gabby Felix added 11 rebounds in the victory. Both teams shot 28 percent from the field.

The Owls play this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. when they host Salve Regina. The Lasers will travel to Gordon College on Saturday for a non-conference match up at 1:00 p.m.

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*Senior point guard Janae Jones had 13 points and four steals vs. Lasell College.*

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*The Westfield State softball dugouts were leveled in late November and workers are shown installing new electrical lines for the field upgrades.*

# Westfield Softball Field upgrades underway

The Westfield State University softball field, along with the baseball field, are receiving upgrades this semester, including new dugouts. The former dugouts, which were erected when the fields were first used in 1989, were leveled and construction of the new dugouts will begin in December.

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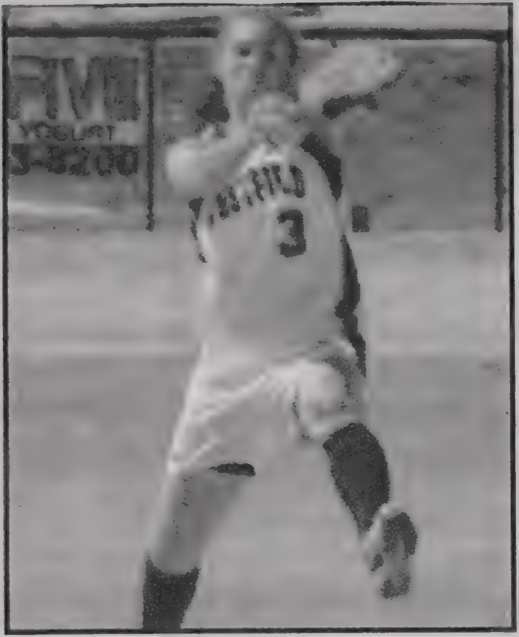

*Madeline Tomich pitched all 11 innings of Westfield's 6-5 win over Macalester College.*

# Westfield Outlasts Macalester In 11 Innings

CLERMONT, Fla. – The Westfield State University softball team outlasted Macalester College (Minnesota), 6-5, in 11 innings on Thursday, March 15.

In Westfield's second game of the day, Bates College rallied for three runs in the bottom of the sixth to defeat the Owls, 6-4.

Senior pitcher Madeline Tomich went the distance in the Macalester marathon matchup. The hard-throwing righthander struck out 13 batters for the third consecutive game. She scattered 10 hits and walked one.

Westfield held one-run leads in the fifth, eight and 10th innings but Macalester scored a run in each of those innings to tie the score.

Lisa Policelli had a sacrifice fly in the eighth and freshman Kelsey Carpenter delivered a runscoring single in the 10th. Sophomore Amanda Flower finally delivered the game-winning hit in the 11th with a sacrifice bunt RBI.

Westfield also had 10 hits. Kerin DeGirolamo was 3 for 6 with two runs scored and an RBI. Courtney Begin and Flower were both 2 for 5.

In the second game vs. Bates, Westfield scored two runs on four errors in the fourth to take a 2-1 lead but Bates regained the lead, 3-2.

Westfield scored two more runs in the top of the sixth for a 4-3 lead. Bri Eichstaedt tripled to deep rightfield and scored on a throwing error by the catcher on an attempted pickoff. Later in the inning Sarah Pliska lined a runscoring sin-

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# Westfied State softball handed first defeat

FLORIDA – The Westfield State University softball team sustained its first loss of the season when it was defeated by the College of St. Scholastica (Minnesota), 4-2, late Tuesday afternoon.

Westfield, now 3-1, was idle yesterday and has two games scheduled Thursday. St. Scholastica improves to 5-3.

St. Scholastica scored single runs in each of the first four innings off Westfield sophomore pitcher Kelley Fluet. She pitched five innings, allowing nine hits and three walks and striking out five.

Westfield scored both of its runs in the bottom of the first on a RBI single by Bri Eichstaedt and a bases-loaded walk to Brittany Dussault.

Westfield was outhit, 10-5. No player had more than one hit for the Owls.

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# Tomich twirls one hitter

## *Strikes out 15 in 1-0 Victory*

DUDLEY, Mass. (Mar. 21) – The Nichols College softball team split its home opening doubleheader with visiting Westfield State University Wednesday afternoon. The Owls held onto an early lead for a 1-0 win in the first game, and Nichols scored four runs in the sixth inning of the second game for a 7-5 victory.

Westfield State pitcher Madeline Tomich (Alford, Mass.) allowed one hit and struck out 15 while walking just one in the opener. She and the Owls allowed only three baserunners after the first inning.

Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro, Mass.) followed up a Kelsey Carpenter (Barre, Mass.) one-out triple with a sac fly in the top of the first to score the only run of the game.

Molly Ferraro (Millis, Mass.) struck out eight and scattered four hits in the complete-game effort.

In the second game, The Owls used four hits and a two-run single from Sarah Pliszka (Enfield, Conn.) in the top of the third to take a 2-0 lead, but ended the inning with the bases loaded for the second time in the game.

Nichols took the lead, 3-2, in the bottom of the fourth using back-to-

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*Senior Madeline Tomich tossed a one-hitter and struck out 15 in a 1-0 victory at Nichols College.*

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# Western Connecticut sweeps softball Owls

DANBURY, CT (Mar. 27) - The Western Connecticut State University softball team opened its home slate with a doubleheader sweep of Westfield State University, winning the opener, 11-0 in five innings, then scoring the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh of a 4-3 victory in the nightcap at Westside Field.

In the nightcap, freshman pinch hitter Christine Bighinatti (Rocky Hill, CT) lofted a single over the outstretched glove of Owls second baseman Breanne Bisceglia (Worcester, MA) to plate Ashlie Morris (Wolcott, CT) who reached on an error to lead off the seventh frame.

The Colonials, 11-3, took a 3-1 lead in the bottom half of their fourth inning when Nina Wojtkiewicz (Griswold, CT) scored following a single by Jackie Zilnicki (Riverhead, NY).

Zilnicki finished the twinbill by going 5-for-6 with a pair of runs batted in and three runs scored. On the season, she is batting .583.

Westfield, 6-7, drew even with two runs in the top of the fifth inning. Courtney Begin (Salem, MA) and Kelsey Carpenter (Barre, MA) hit back-to-back one-out singles then came around to score on when Western catcher Alison Russo (Danbury, CT) unleased a pick-off attempt at third base, down the left field line. Begin and Carpenter initiated the errant throw by attempting a double steal.

Magen Dargon (Trumbull, CT) earned the victory in both games and is now 9-1 on the season. In 11 innings of work, she allowed eight hits and one earned run while striking out 15 and walking four. On the season, Dargon has a a 0.92 ERA with 63 strikeouts in 61 innings.

Kerry Alcott (Groton, MA) took the loss and falls to 1-3 on the season for the Owls.

In the opener, Western pounded out 11 hits and scored seven runs in the third inning to put the game away.

Kristen Ferrante (New Paltz, NY) went 1-for-2 and had a game-high two runs batted in.

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# UMass Boston Holds Off Westfield State University, 10-7

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WESTFIELD – UMass Boston scored three unearned runs in the top of the ninth inning, including a game-winning pinch-hit two-run double by Charles LaPaglia, as the Beacons held on for a 10-7 non-conference baseball victory over Westfield State on Monday.

The Beacons (9-8), who jumped out to a 7-2 third-inning lead, began their ninth-inning rally when Jack DeBiase singled with two outs and the bases empty. Matt Mattei then hit a routine fly ball that was dropped by the rightfielder, putting runners at first and third. LaPaglia follwed with his game-winning blow, a double down the rightfield line. Pat Lynch then plated LaPaglia with a single up the middle for the game's final run.

The Owls (9-9) knotted the score at 7-7 in the sixth inning with a dropped fly ball by the Beacon rightfielder leading to five unearned runs.

Hot-hitting Andrew Medeiros, who had singled to lead off the sixth, scored on the dropped fly ball with two outs to make the score 7-3. Jeremy Tanguay ripped an RBI ground rule double to under the leftfield fence to make it 7-4. Kyle Colesanti scored on a bases loaded wild pitch then Kevin Greene ripped a two-run single to tie the score.

The Owls took a 1-0 first-inning lead when Matt Kelly led off with a single, advanced to second on a balk, and scored on a Medeiros' double down the leftfield line.

The Beacons crossed the plate four times in the second inning as Owl starting pitcher Aaron Messier struggled to find the plate. Messier allowed three walks and four hits in the inning, with the big blow a two-run single by Mike McCormack.

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## WSU

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UMass Boston racked Westfield reliever Bret Siflinger for three runs in the third, with the big blow an RBI triple by Nick Grassetti. Siflinger settled down to throw scoreless fourth and fifth innings.

Mike Sullivan sustained the tough mound setback. He threw the four innings and allowed three hits, all in the final frame. He walked one and struck out five.

Matt Dziok pitched two innings to receive credit for pitching victory. Jeff Thomas pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for the save.

Collin Keefer and McCormack – the No. 1 and No. 2 batters – collected half of the Beacons' 10 hits. McCormack was 2 for 4 with three RBI and the speedy Keefer was 3 for 5 with two doubles and two RBI in the leadoff spot.

Westfield had seven hits. Kelly was 2 for 4, including an RBI double in the second inning. Medeiros was 2 for 4 with an RBI double.

**MEDEIROS, MONDALTO EARN MASCAC HONORS:** Westfield State junior catcher/outfielder Andrew Medeiros and senior pitcher Roman Mondalto have been named MASCAC baseball player and pitcher of the week.

During a 3-1 week for the Owls, Medeiros went 5-11 at the plate with a home run, two doubles, two sacrifice hits, two steals and five RBI. Mondalto threw a complete-game one-hitter against Worcester State, allowing a fifth-inning single. He struck out three and walked three. Twelve of the outs were groundouts and he picked off two baserunners attempting to steal second.

The Owls swept Worcester State in the doubleheader on Sunday, winning the games, 1-0 and 6-1, with Medeiros getting both game-winning hits: an RBI double in the opener and a three-run homer in the nightcap.

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# Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

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## Conference

| | GP | Record | Win % | PF | PA | GP | Record |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bridgewater St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 12-6 |
| Salem St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 12-6 |
| Westfield St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 6-8 |
| Worcester St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 4-8 |
| Framingham St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 4-10 |
| Mass. Maritime | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2-6 |
| Fitchburg St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 3-13 |
| MCLA | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2-14 |

### MASCAC Softball Player of the Week

**Michelle Grifoni, Salem State (Sr., 2B, Peabody, Mass.)** -- Batted .533 (8-15) with pair of doubles and six runs scored in 3-1 week for Vikings, including four hits and three runs in 3-0, 7-5 sweep of UMass Boston to go with three hits and game-winning seventh inning single in 5-4 triumph over Brandeis.

### MASCAC Softball Pitcher of the Week

**Madeline Tomich, Westfield State (Sr., P, Alford, Mass.)** -- Tossed complete-game one-hitter and struck out 15 in Owls' 1-0 victory over Nichols.

### MASCAC Softball Weekly Honor Roll

**Melissa Harmon, Bridgewater State (Jr., OF, Shrewsbury, Mass.)** -- Rapped out two hits and drove in pair of runs in Bears' 3-0 victory over Wheaton.

**Amber White, Bridgewater State (So., P, Middleboro, Mass.)** -- Tossed complete-game two-hit shutout and struck out seven in Bears' 3-0 victory over Wheaton.

**Lauren Weitz, Fitchburg State (Jr., OF, Billerica, Mass.)** -- Batted .438 (7-16) with triple and three runs scored in 2-4 week for Falcons, including four hits in 3-1, 3-2 sweep of Becker.

**Brittany Whiting, Fitchburg State (Fr., P, Sharon, Mass.)** -- Tossed complete-game two-hitter in Falcons' 3-1 victory at Becker.

**Kaitland Hager, MCLA (Sr., OF, Springfield, Mass.)** -- Collected five hits and three RBI in Trailblazers' twinbill split at Bay Path.

**Janelle Beaulieu, Massachusetts Maritime (Jr., SS, Buzzards Bay, Mass.)** -- Rapped out five hits in six at-bats in Buccaneers' twinbill setback to Maine Maritime

**Alyssa Bryan, Salem State (Jr., P, Stoneham, Mass.)** -- Posted pair of victories and struck out 10 in 13.2 innings of work for Vikings, including six strikeouts in 3-0 triumph over UMass Boston while fanning four in complete-game 5-4 win over Brandeis.

**Emily Mailloux, Westfield State (Fr., DP, Erving, Mass.)** -- Belted game-winning pinch grand slam in Owls' 10-2 triumph over Elms.

**Erica Cordio, Worcester State (Sr., SS, Leominster, Mass.)** -- Batted .412 (7-17) with four RBI and five runs scored in 1-5 week for Lancers, including homer and three RBI in 7-6 setback to University of New England.

**Hannah Everson, Worcester State (Jr., P, Methuen, Mass.)** -- Tossed one-hitter and fanned eight in Lancers' 8-0 victory over UMass Dartmouth

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# SOFTBALL

*SENIORS: Kerin DeGirolamo, Madeline Tomich, Lisa Policelli*

# Worcester State
# at Westfield State
## March 31, 2012

## 2012 Westfield State University Softball Roster

| NO. | NAME | CL | POS | HT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kelly Kenney | FR | OF | 4-11 | Suffield, CT |
| 2 | Kelley Fluet * | SO | P | 5-6 | Worcester (Doherty Memorial) |
| 3 | Madeline Tomich *** | SR | P | 5-6 | Alford (Mt. Everett) |
| 4 | Sarah Pliszka | SO | SS/1B | 5-7 | Enfield, CT |
| 5 | Kat Robinson | FR | UT | 5-2 | East Hampton, CT |
| 6 | Molly Dunbar * | SO | OF | 5-4 | Weymouth (Notre Dame Academy) |
| 7 | Caitlyn Kadlik | FR | P | 5-3 | Ashland |
| 8 | Kerin DeGirolamo *** | SR | OF | 5-8 | North Attleboro (Bishop Feehan) |
| 9 | Lisa Policelli *** | SR | OF | 5-5 | Tewksbury (Central Catholic) |
| 10 | Courtney Begin ** | JR | OF | 5-4 | Salem (Bishop Fenwick) |
| 11 | Kerry Alcott * | SO | P | 5-7 | Groton (Groton-Dunstable) |
| 12 | Katie Moore * | SO | 2B | 5-2 | Tewksbury |
| 13 | Amanda Flower | SO | C/2B | 5-9 | Reading |
| 14 | Vicki Hill | FR | 3B | 5-2 | West Springfield |
| 16 | Breanne Bisceglia | FR | SS | 5-3 | Worcester (Burncoat) |
| 17 | Emily Mailloux | FR | P | 5-3 | Erving (Turners Falls) |
| 19 | Brittany Dussault ** | JR | C | 5-8 | Chicopee (Comp) |
| 20 | Bri Eichstaedt * | SO | SS | 5-3 | Southampton (Hampshire Regional) |
| 21 | Kelsey Carpenter | FR | SS/OF | 5-8 | Barre (Quabbin Regional) |
| 22 | Celina Sinico | FR | C/UT | 5-6 | Great Barrington (Mt. Everett) |

*** - Years Played at Westfield State Prior to 2012**

**Head Coach: Lindsay Sawyer (1st Year)**

**Assistant Coaches: Ken Haar (14th year); Katie Gorman (3rd year); Alicia Gardner (1st Year)**

**Captain: Madeline Tomich** **Student Manager: Hannah Pitman**

## 2012 Worcester State University Softball Roster

| No. | Name | Yr. | B/T | Ht | Pos. | Hometown/High School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kaitlyn Storro | Fr. | R/R | 5-3 | IF/OF | Leominster, MA/Leominster |
| 4 | Melissa Beaudry* | Jr. | R/R | 5-7 | P/OF | Worcester, MA/St. Peter-Marian |
| 6 | Ashley Howe* | Sr. | R/R | 5-4 | OF/C | Winchendon, MA/Gardner |
| 7 | Erica Cordio* | Sr. | R/R | 5-8 | IF | Leominster, MA/Leominster |
| 8 | Lauren Besozzi* | Sr. | R/R | 5-3 | OF | Milford, MA/Milford |
| 9 | Carolyn Hassett* | So. | R/R | 5-5 | IF/OF | Charlton, MA/Shepherd Hill |
| 11 | Carla Clement | Fr. | R/R | 5-2 | IF | Townsend, MA/N. Middlesex |
| 12 | Taylor Hanley | Fr. | R/R | 5-5 | IF/OF | Wilmington, MA/Wilmington |
| 13 | Kelly Winter* | So. | R/R | 5-6 | P/IF | Attleboro, MA/Bishop Feehan |
| 14 | Aimee Lamoureux* | Jr. | R/R | 5-2 | IF | E. Brookfield, MA/David Prouty |
| 15 | Jaime Jacobs* | Sr. | R/R | 5-7 | IF | Billerica, MA/Billerica |
| 16 | Alex Kerr* | Jr. | L/R | 5-8 | IF | Franklin, MA/Franklin |
| 18 | Hillary Hart* | So. | R/R | 5-6 | IF/OF | Clinton, MA/Clinton |
| 19 | Katie Roy | Fr. | R/R | 5-6 | P/IF | Worcester, MA/Burncoat |
| 20 | Hannah Everson* | Jr. | R/R | 5-6 | RHP | Methuen, MA/Methuen |

*11 veterans

**Head Coach:** Jennifer Kapenas (4th season)

**Assistant Coaches:** Nicole Ruffo (4th season), Michelle Cote (4th season) and Dan Santerre (2nd season)

**Captains**: Lauren Besozzi, Erica Cordio, Ashley Howe and Jaime Jacobs

**Team Manager:** Alissa Gallupe

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**Barbara Dolan is a 'fighter'**

**Pat Thibault is a 'fighter'**

### Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
### Softball Standings (Through Games Played of April 8, 2012)

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | GP | W | L | Pct. | GP | W | L | Pct. | Streak |
| Bridgewater State | 4 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 24 | 17 | 7 | .708 | Won 3 |
| Salem State | 4 | 3 | 1 | .750 | 24 | 17 | 7 | .708 | Won 1 |
| Framingham State | 4 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 22 | 9 | 13 | .409 | Lost 2 |
| Westfield State | 4 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 20 | 8 | 12 | .400 | Lost 1 |
| Worcester State | 4 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 18 | 7 | 11 | .389 | Lost 1 |
| Fitchburg State | 4 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 22 | 7 | 15 | .318 | Won 4 |
| MCLA | 4 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 20 | 4 | 16 | .200 | Lost 2 |
| Massachusetts Maritime | 4 | 0 | 4 | .000 | 14 | 2 | 12 | .143 | Lost 6 |

## MASCAC Softball Player of the Week

**Michaela Ferreira, Bridgewater State (Sr., 2B, Fall River, Mass.)** -- Batted .500 (7-14) with double, five runs scored and five RBI while posting .556 on-base percentage in 5-1 week for Bears, including four hits and pair of RBI in sweep at Framingham State to go with two hits in split with Westfield State.

## MASCAC Softball Co-Pitchers of the Week

**Meghan Dunn, Bridgewater State (Jr., P, Colchester, Conn.)** -- Posted 3-0 mark with 0.35 ERA and 11 strikeouts in 5-1 week for Bears. Tossed four-hit shutout and fanned five in 3-0 win over Westfield State to go with five strikeouts in 10-1 triumph at Framingham State.

**Madeline Tomich, Westfield State (Sr., P, Alford, Mass.)** -- Notched 1-1 mark with 16 strikeouts in 10 2/3 innings of work for Owls, tying school records for career wins (41) and strikeouts (472). Tossed three-hit shutout and fanned 11 in 2-0 victory at Bridgewater State and struck out five in 7-0 setback to then-unbeaten Amherst.

## MASCAC Softball Weekly Honor Roll

**Emily Pomer, Fitchburg State (So., OF, Groveland, Mass.)** -- Batted .636 (7-11) with two doubles, two triples and eight RBI in 4-0 week for Falcons, including four hits and pair of RBI in 6-3, 6-5 sweep of MCLA to go with five RBI in sweep of Fisher.

**Brittany Whiting, Fitchburg State (Fr., P, Sharon, Mass.)** -- Collected two wins and save with 17 strikeouts in 4-0 week for Falcons. Tied school single-game record with 12 strikeouts in 6-3 win over MCLA and tossed one-hitter in 8-0 triumph over Fisher.

**Taylor Ezold, Framingham State (Jr., 2B, Westfield, Mass.)** -- Batted .409 (9-22) with double, two homers, seven RBI and nine runs scored in 5-3 week for Rams, including pair of round-trippers in 17-0 victory at Massachusetts Maritime.

**Kayla Koumjian, MCLA (Sr., C, Watervliet, N.Y.)** -- Went 5-8 with double and triple in Trailblazers' twinbill setback at Fitchburg State.

**Alyssa Bryan, Salem State (Jr., P/OF, Stoneham, Mass.)** -- Posted pair of wins and batted .545 (6-11) in 3-1 week for Vikings. Tossed five innings of combined no-hitter in 8-0 triumph over Southern Maine and added complete-game two-strikeout effort in 5-2 victory over Worcester State. Added three hits, including double and two RBI in 10-5 win over Southern Maine

**Vicki Hill, Westfield State (Fr., 3B, West Springfield, Mass.)** -- Belted triple and scored lone run in Owls' 1-0 victory at Bridgewater State

**Hannah Everson, Worcester State (Jr., P, Methuen, Mass.)** -- Notched pair of wins with five strikeouts in 2-2 week for Lancers, including complete-game three-hitter in 6-0 victory at Salem State

**Aimee Lamoureux, Worcester State (Jr., 2B, East Brookfield, Mass.)** -- Batted .615 (8-13) with triple and three doubles in 2-2 week for Lancers, including four hits in split at Salem State to go with three two-baggers in 7-5 triumph over Clark

# SOFTBALL

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## Smith College

## Westfield State University

## April 9, 2012

## 2012 Westfield State University Softball Roster

| NO. | NAME | CL | POS | HT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kelly Kenney | FR | OF | 4-11 | Suffield, CT |
| 2 | Kelley Fluet * | SO | P | 5-6 | Worcester (Doherty Memorial) |
| 3 | Madeline Tomich *** | SR | P | 5-6 | Alford (Mt. Everett) |
| 4 | Sarah Pliszka | SO | SS/1B | 5-7 | Enfield, CT |
| 5 | Kat Robinson | FR | UT | 5-2 | East Hampton, CT |
| 6 | Molly Dunbar * | SO | OF | 5-4 | Weymouth (Notre Dame Academy) |
| 7 | Caitlyn Kadlik | FR | P | 5-3 | Ashland |
| 8 | Kerin DeGirolamo *** | SR | OF | 5-8 | North Attleboro (Bishop Feehan) |
| 9 | Lisa Policelli *** | SR | OF | 5-5 | Tewksbury (Central Catholic) |
| 10 | Courtney Begin ** | JR | OF | 5-4 | Salem (Bishop Fenwick) |
| 11 | Kerry Alcott * | SO | P | 5-7 | Groton (Groton-Dunstable) |
| 12 | Katie Moore * | SO | 2B | 5-2 | Tewksbury |
| 13 | Amanda Flower | SO | C/2B | 5-9 | Reading |
| 14 | Vicki Hill | FR | 3B | 5-2 | West Springfield |
| 16 | Breanne Bisceglia | FR | SS | 5-3 | Worcester (Burncoat) |
| 17 | Emily Mailloux | FR | P | 5-3 | Erving (Turners Falls) |
| 19 | Brittany Dussault ** | JR | C | 5-8 | Chicopee (Comp) |
| 20 | Bri Eichstaedt * | SO | SS | 5-3 | Southampton (Hampshire Regional) |
| 21 | Kelsey Carpenter | FR | SS/OF | 5-8 | Barre (Quabbin Regional) |
| 22 | Celina Sinico | FR | C/UT | 5-6 | Great Barrington (Mt. Everett) |

*** - Years Played at Westfield State Prior to 2012** **RECORD: 8-12**

**Head Coach: Lindsay Sawyer (1st Year)**

**Assistant Coaches: Ken Haar (14th year); Katie Gorman (3rd year); Alicia Gardner (1st Year)**

**Captain: Madeline Tomich** **Student Manager: Hannah Pitman**

## 2012 Smith College Softball Roster

| No. | Name | B/T | Ht. | Pos. | Yr. | Hometown/HS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Helen Buse | L/L | 5-4 | OF | '15 | Nicasio, Calif./St. Ignatius |
| 2 | Kayla Kiers | R/R | 5-5 | P/OF | '14 | West Warwick, R.I./West Warwick |
| 4 | Neelma Qureshi | R/R | 5-4 | OF | '12 | Falls Church, Va./Jeb Stuart |
| 6 | Tessa Clark | R/R | 5-6 | P | '13 | Calais, Maine/Calais |
| 7 | Megan Januszewski | R/R | 5-8 | 2B | '14 | Ascutney, Vt./Windsor |
| 8 | Kate Durkin | R/R | 5-6 | OF | '12 | Victor, N.Y./Allendale Columbia |
| 9 | Catherine Tocci | R/R | 5-3 | SS/OF | '14 | Belmont, Mass./Belmont |
| 10 | Sarah Goodman | R/R | 5-5 | C/1B | '12 | Pittsford, N.Y./Pittsford Mendon |
| 11 | Edie Richardson | R/R | 5-5 | C/1B | '15 | Franklin, Mass./Fontbonne Acad. |
| 12 | Kate O'Brien | R/R | 5-3 | SS/2B | '13 | Santa Cruz, Calif./Santa Cruz |
| 13 | Kat Katides | R/R | 5-6 | OF | '14 | Quincy, Mass./Newman School |
| 14 | Brittany Purington | R/R | 5-7 | 3B/OF | '13 | Weare, N.H./John Stark |
| 15 | Sam Chinn | R/R | 5-6 | Util | '15 | Tuscon, Ariz./St. Gregory |
| 30 | Paige Sarlandt | R/R | 6-0 | Util | '14 | Cloverdale, Calif./Cloverdale |
| 32 | Kirstie Beaton | R/R | 5-5 | 1B/3B | '12 | Osterville, Mass./Barnstable |

**Head Coach: Kelly O'Connell (Eims '95, first season)** **RECORD: 4-15**

**Assistant Coach: Patricia Cipicchio (Trinity '11, first season)**

**Captains: Tessa Clark, Megan Januszewski, Sarah Goodman, Kirstie Beaton**

2011-2012

## WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY

*Sophomore Kerry Alcott pitched the Owls to a 3-1 victory over Springfield College, which is ranked 7th in New England.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

*Westfield freshman third baseman Vicki Hill steals second base during the fourth game one.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

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2011-2012

# Westfield splits twinbill with Springfield

## *Dunbar Slugs Game-Winning Home Run In 3-1 Victory*

WESTFIELD – Sophomore outfielder Molly Dunbar slugged a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning to lift Westfield State University to a 3-1 second-game victory in a double header split with Springfield College in non-conference softball yesterday.

In the first game, Breann Joyce's three-run homer in the fourth inning powered Springfield to its 5-1 victory.

The Pride, which is ranked seventh in New England, is

a single over the second baseman's head with Leader holding at second base.

Kelly then dropped a bunt and was ruled safe at first on a close play to load the bases. Blake tied the score with a sacrifice fly and Joyce followed with her three-run blast.

The Pride tacked on an insurance tally in the sixth. Rivelli singled and advanced to second on Joyce's two-out single. Rivelli then scored on an infield fielding error.

Both teams collected five ts. Joyce was 2 for 3 and ivelli was 2 for 4 with two ins scored. Begin was 2 for 3 r the Owls.

Jennifer Joseph pitched the rst six innings to notch the ictory. She gave up five hits nd a walk and struck out nine. estfield hurler Madeline omich struck out 10 and alked two.

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*Westfield right fielder Courtney Begin makes a nice running catch in foul territory in the first game vs. Springfield. Begin rapped five hits in the double header in boosting her batting average to a sizzling .425.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

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## WSU Softball

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unearned run in the sixth. Laura Chandler led off with a single, stole second and advanced to third on a passed. She scampered home on Nicole Dupuis' sacrifice fly.

Keene collected four hits in its five-run seventh and took advantage of three Westfield errors. Westfield scored in its last at bat when Courtney Begin doubled down the leftfield line and came home on Kerin DeGirolamo's RBI single.

Begin was the game's leading hitter, going 3 for 4. Westfield freshman third baseman Vicki Hill was 2 for 3 with a triple.

Both teams collected nine hits. Fiorenza was 2 for 4 with her double and two RBI. She was Keene's only player with multiple hits. Katie Bradford doubled.

Stocklinski struck out 11 and walked two in earning the pitching victory. Westfield's Madeline Tomich pitched six and a third innings, allowed three unearned runs and three walks and fanning four

In the nightcap, Keene received a strong pitching performance from Emily Albin, who allowed six hits and no walks and struck out eight. Westfield pitcher Kerry Alcott gave up seven hits and four walks and whiffed six.

Westfield took a 1-0 second-inning lead. Breanne Bisceglia led off with a single to right field, was sacrificed to second by Hill, and scored following Brittany Dussault's single to rightfield.

Keene tied the game in the third inning on Haley Chandler's two-out solo home run. Keene scored the winning run in the fifth inning. Laura Chandler walked and moved to third on Dupuis' single up the middle. Joyce delivered the game-winning hit, an RBI double to rightfield.

DeGirolamo doubled to lead off the sixth inning but Albin reared back to strike out three consecutive batters.

Keene outhit Westfield, 7-6. Dupuis and Joyce both had two hits. Begin and DeGirolamo each had two hits for Westfield.

*Westfield freshman third baseman Vicki Hill blasts a triple in the first*

2011 - 2012

# WSU softball takes down Pioneers as Tomich sets records

**Tyler Morissette**
Voice Reporter

After only scoring one run in their previous four games, the Westfield State Owls softball team knew that they had to start hitting if they wanted to make progress this season.

On Monday, April 9, the Owls found their bats in a big way. In a 13 hit brigade that accumulated eight runs, Westfield had little difficulty with the Smith College Pioneers, beating them in a mercy rule game 8-0 in five innings.

It also did not hurt that star pitcher senior Madeline Tomich was on the mound for Westfield.

Tomich was on fire, as she threw a one hitter, and struck out 10 batters.

The victory and 10 strikeouts were even more significant as Tomich passed former hurler Chelsea Sylvia (who played for the Owls from 2007-2009) with career wins and strikeouts, tallying 42 victories and 482 strikeouts to this point.

Tomich's no hitter was broken up in the top of the fifth inning as Smith's Edie Richards connected on a Tomich pitch for a double.

With the victory, Westfield is now 9-12 this season (as of April 11). Tomich is 6-4 this year with a 2.22 era.

All but one Westfield player had a hit in the game. The offensive onslaught really began in the first inning when the Owls put two runs on the board after second basemen Breanne Bisceglia got a base hit and brought in two of her teammates.

Bisceglia had three hits in the game and three RBI's as well. Along with Bisceglia, junior right fielder Courtney Begin had a very good game as well, as she was three for four with an RBI out of the leadoff spot.

In the fifth inning, the game was stopped after the Owls brought in five runs in the inning to defeat the Pioneers by the mercy rule.

photo by Matt Jardin

Westfield's Brittany Dussault is retired at homeplate.

The Owls know that they have the pitching to make a strong run this season.

However, they need their bats to heat up as they did in this game if they want to be considered a contender in the strong MASCAC conference.

Westfield plays a home doubleheader against Salem State on Monday, April 16, with the first game set to begin at 12:00 p.m.

2011-2012

# estfield Softball splits with Worcester

TFIELD – Westfield State University and er State University split a softball doubleheader day, April 1, to open play in the Massachusetts ollegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC).

ester held on to win the opener, 4-3, while ld pulled out a 5-2 victory in the nightcap.

en Besozzi delivered the game-winning hit in the when she rapped a two-out, two RBI single in rd inning to snap a 2-2 tie. Both runs were ed as Westfield committed the only error of the n the inning.

field pulled to within a run, 4-3, in the bottom of h when Brittany Dussault singled through the left dvanced to second on a wild pitch, and Vicki Hill ed an RBI double.

winning pitcher Hannah Everson retired the next tters to get out of the jam and she put the side n order in the seventh. Everson allowed eight hits walk and struck out seven to notch the pitching

eline Tomich was the losing pitcher. She gave up alks and struck out 10, but she issued a walk and batters that led to the Lancers' first-inning run.

tfield took a 2-1 lead in the home half of the first Molly Dunbar slammed a two-out, two-run double orcester third baseman Alex Kerr that forced Kerr e the game with an injury.

The Lancers tied the score at 2-all in the second when Ashley Howe hammered an RBI triple.

Howe, Besozzi and Carolyn Hassett each had two hits. Kerin DeGirolamo was 2 for 3 in the Owls' balanced eight-hit attack.

In the second game, Westfield pitcher Kerry Alcott had the game-winning hit when she lined a runscoring double to left-center field in the sixth inning to snap a 2-2 tie. The Owls added two insurance tallies on an RBI groundout by Amanda Flower and a RBI single by Kelly Kenney, who lined a shot off the leg of Worcester pitcher Kelly Winter that forced her to exit the game.

The Owls scored single runs in their first two at bats for an early 2-0 lead on an RBI double by Breanne Bisceglia and an RBI double by Molly Dunbar that scored Alcott from first base.

The Lancers scored an unearned run the fourth when Kaitlyn Storro reached safely on an infield error and scored on Aimee Lamoureux's double. The Lancers tied the score in the top of the sixth on an RBI single by Katie Roy.

Alcott went the distance for the pitching victory. She allowed seven hits and two walks and struck out two. Winter gave up nine hits and two walks and whiffed six.

Kenney, Bisceglia and Hill each had two hits. No player had more than one hit for the Lancers.

# Keene State Softball Sweeps Lady Owls

WESTFIELD – Keene State College swept a softball doubleheader from Westfield State University, 7-3 and 2-1, in non-conference action on Thursday.

Keene, ranked eighth in the New England Division III coaches poll, upped its record to 12-4. Westfield is 9-14.

Keene trailed for most of the opener but crossed the plate five times in the seventh inning to snap a 2-2 tie. Winning pitcher Sara Stocklinski delivered the game-winning hit in the seventh, a two-run single up the middle to break the 2-2 deadlock. The other big blow in the seventh was a two-run double by Jessica Fiorenza.

Westfield took a 2-0 first-inning lead. Lisa Policelli rapped a one-out single, advanced to second on a wild pitch, and scored on two passed balls. Bri Eichstaedt singled to drive in the other run.

Keene's Kayla Joyce clubbed a towering solo home run in the top of the second. The visitors tied the score with an

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*Sophomore Kerry Alcott pitched the Owls to a 3-1 victory over Springfield College, which is ranked 7th in New England.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

*Westfield freshman third baseman Vicki Hill steals second base during the fourth game one.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

# Westfield splits twinbill with Springfield

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# *Dunbar Slugs Game-Winning Home Run In 3-1 Victory*

WESTFIELD – Sophomore outfielder Molly Dunbar slugged a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning to lift Westfield State University to a 3-1 second-game victory in a double header split with Springfield College in non-conference softball yesterday.

In the first game, Breann Joyce's three-run homer in the fourth inning powered Springfield to its 5-1 victory.

The Pride, which is ranked seventh in New England, is now 24-13-1. Westfield owns an 18-17 overall record under first-year head coach Lindsay Sawyer.

Westfield right fielder Courtney Begin makes a nice running catch in foul territory in the first game vs. Springfield. Begin rapped five hits in the double header in boosting her batting average to a sizzling .425. Photo by Matt Jardin

grounded out, moving pinch runner Kelly Kinney to third. After Kerry Alcott struck out swinging, Dunbar cracked her second home run in two days, a towering shot over the left field fence that snapped a 1-1 tie.

Alcott retired the Springfield side in order in the seventh to cap an outstanding pitching performance. The sophomore from Groton, Mass., allowed four hits and two walks and struck out six in pitching the Owls to the big non-conference victory.

Springfield scored its only run in the fourth inning to take a 1-0 lead. Christina Leader led off with a single and stole second. Kasey Kelly reached on a fielder's choice and advanced to second while Leader was caught in a 1-5-6 rundown between second and third. Kelly Blake then belted a two-out RBI single.

Westfield tied the score in the fifth when it collected three of its nine hits. Hot-hitting Courtney Begin singled with two outs, Lisa Policelli walked and Kerin DeGirolamo beat out a hit in front of homeplate to load the bases. Bri Eichstaedt then beat out another slow roller in front of the catcher to score Begin.

a single over the second baseman's head with Leader holding at second base.

Kelly then dropped a bunt and was ruled safe at first on a close play to load the bases. Blake tied the score with a sacrifice fly and Joyce followed with her three-run blast.

The Pride tacked on an insurance tally in the sixth. Rivelli singled and advanced to second on Joyce's two-out single. Rivelli then scored on an infield fielding error.

Both teams collected five hits. Joyce was 2 for 3 and Rivelli was 2 for 4 with two runs scored. Begin was 2 for 3 for the Owls.

Jennifer Joseph pitched the first six innings to notch the victory. She gave up five hits and a walk and struck out nine. Westfield hurler Madeline Tomich struck out 10 and walked two.

*Westfield right fielder Courtney Begin makes a nice running catch in foul territory in the first game vs. Springfield. Begin rapped five hits in the double header in boosting her batting average to a sizzling .425.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

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# Tomich terrific as Lady Owls top Lancers, 3-1

## *Bisceglia delivers big blow; DeGirolamo sets career record for hits*

WORCESTER – Senior pitcher Madeline Tomich (Alford, MA/Everett) fired a two-hitter with 15 strikeouts and freshman Breanne Bisceglia (Worcester, MA/Burncoat) hit a two-run double to lead No. 4 seed Westfield State to a 3-1 upset victory over top-seeded Worcester State in the opening round of the MASCAC softball tournament last night at Rockwood Park.

Both teams will continue in the double-elimination tournament on Saturday. The Owls (20-18) will play second-seeded Bridgewater State at 2 PM in the winner's bracket, while the Lancers (21-18) will take on No. 3 seed Salem State at noon in the loser's bracket with both games scheduled at Rockwood Park.

The Bears defeated the Vikings, 4-0, in the other opening round game.

Tomich was masterful on the mound. She fanned eight in the first three innings and struck out the side in the seventh inning. She only walked one.

"Maddie was amazing," said Westfield head coach Lindsay Sawyer. "She was throwing hard and hitting her spots. She was dominant and just had great control. She shut down Worcester and we had timely hitting."

With a scoreless tie in the top of the fourth inning, senior Kerin DeGirolamo (North Attleboro, MA) hit a single through the right side with one out to begin the Owls rally. The next batter, sophomore Bri Eichstaedt (Southampton, MA), reached on ball that was dropped by the third baseman after the shortstop ran into her.

Freshman Vicki Hill (West Springfield, MA) then hit a single up the middle in the next at-bat, but Lancers sophomore Carolyn Hassett (Charlton, MA) gunned out DeGirolamo at home for the second out of the frame and her 10th outfield assist this season.

But Bisceglia stepped up to the plate and ripped a line drive down the left field line to score both Eichstaedt and Hill to give the Owls a 2-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Lancers had a chance to respond. Hassett reached on an error to lead off the frame, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt, and third on single by senior Ashley Howe (Winchendon, MA) to break up a no-hit bid. But with runners on second and third and two outs, Tomich got a key strikeout to end the threat.

The Owls added an insurance run in the top of the sixth inning to move ahead 3-0 as Hill hit an RBI-three bagger to right center that scored DeGirolamo.

The Blue and Gold plated their only run of the contest in the bottom of the sixth. Hassett led off the inning with a double off the left field fence and scored an unearned run after Lamoureux reached on a fielding error.

After the lone Worcester State run crossed the plate, Tomich retired the final six batters in a row to end the game – including five by way of strikeout.

Lancers junior Hannah Everson (Methuen, MA) also pitched a complete game as she scattered six hits and allowed three runs (one earned). Everson had 11 punch-outs and she issued no walks.

DiGirolamo and Hill had the only multi-hit games as they both went 2-for-3 with one run scored.

The tournament game featured an impressive historic achievement as DiGirolamo's two base-knocks eclipsed Westfield State's all-time career hits record. She now stands at 158 hits for her outstanding four-year career. She passed Jackie Mason who had 157 safeties from 2006-09.

Following the game, Sawyer presented DeGirolamo with the game ball and also congratulated her family.

DiGirolamo also set program standard for hits in a season with 58 in 2010 in an NFCA All-New England third-team campaign while patrolling centerfield.

The Owls held the 6-2 edge in the hitting department. Senior Ashley Howe (Winchendon, MA) broke up Tomich's no-hit bid in the fourth with a single up the middle.

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# Western New England Edges Westfield, 3-2

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Senior first baseman Sara Barnes (Berkley, MA) drove in the winning run with a two-out single to left-center field as the Western New England softball team rallied for a dramatic 3-2 victory over Westfield State Thursday afternoon (Mar. 29).

This was the second straight win for the Golden Bears who are now 5-7 while the Owls drop to 6-8.

Barnes knocked in senior catcher Rachel Wyrwa (Methuen, MA) who singled to center with two outs in the seventh and advanced to second on a wild pitch.

Trailing 2-0, Wyrwa and junior shortstop Jeana Longo (Schenectady, NY) each had run-scoring doubles to help Western New England tie the game in the fifth inning.

Barnes, Wyrwa, and sophomore center fielder Maria Francese (Hinsdale, MA) each finished with two hits with Francese also stealing a base.

Senior pitcher Sarah Lempicki (Plantsville, CT) settled down after a shaky second inning to retire the last eight batters in raising her record to 2-1. She allowed five hits, didn't walk a better, and had six strikeouts.

Westfield State scored both its runs in the second when freshman Breanne Bisceglia (Worcester, MA) and senior right fielder Lisa Policelli (Tewksbury, MA) each singled to left, and freshman Vicki Hill (West Springfield, MA) had a bunt single to load the bases. Bisceglia and Policelli both scored when the Golden Bears botched a pair of grounders.

Senior Madeline Tomich (Alford, MA) went the first six innings giving up five hits while walking four and striking out 10. She pitched out of a bases loaded jam in the fourth. Freshman Emily Mailloux (Erving, MA) got two quick outs in the seventh before taking the loss in relief.

*Kerin DeGirolamo rapped two hits in the big tournament victory at Worcester State to become Westfield State's all-time hits leader. She has 158 career hits, surpassing the previous record of 157 held by Jackie Mason (2006-2009). The Owls recorded their sixth straight 20-win season with the big victory over Worcester State.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

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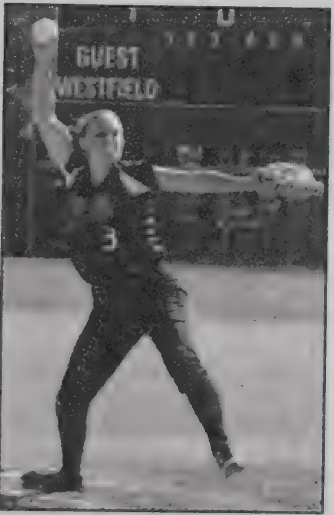
# Tomich sets records in win over Smith

WESTFIELD – A record-setting pitching performance by senior Madeline Tomich and a 13-hit onslaught powered Westfield State University to an 8-0, five-inning victory over Smith College in a non-conference softball game on yesterday.

Tomich set school career records for victories and strikeouts in her one-hit, 10-strikeout effort vs. the Pioneers (4-16). Tomich now has 42 pitching victories and 485 strikeouts in surpassing the former school standards of 41 wins and 475 Ks held by Chelsea Sylvia (2007-2009).

Tomich struck out the side in the top of the first inning and followed with seven more strikeouts over the next four frames. She was perfect through the first three innings then hit the leadoff batter to open the fourth.



*Madeline Tomich delivered a record-setting performance in Westfield's victory over Smith College.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

Smith's Edie Richards brok up the no-hit bid with one ou in the top of the fifth when sh connected on a high offerin and belted it deep to left-cente for a double.

Westfield (9-12) scored al the runs it needed in the firs inning. Courtney Begin led of with a single up the middle fo one of her three hits. Begi was safe at second (the game' only error) on Keri DeGirolamo's fielder's choice Bri Eichstaedt walked to loa the bases and freshman secon baseman Breanne Biscegli rapped a two-out, two-run single to right field.

Westfield scored another ru in the fourth inning whe Bisceglia led off with a singl up the middle and junior catcher Brittany Dussault lined a RBI double off the base of th fence in left-center.

The Owls put a quick end th game with a five-run, six-hi uprising in the fifth. Eichstaed and Kelsey Carpenter single then both advanced on a wil pitch. Bisceglia delivered a RBI groundout to make it 4-0 Freshman third baseman Vick Hill followed with an RBI single up the middle and Dussaul laced a single in the same location.

After a pitching change Begin also singled up the middle to drive in a run and sh advanced to second on th throw home. With runners an second and third, Lisa Policell ended the game with a two-ru double down the left field line

Begin was 3 for 4 with a RBI and Dussault was 3 for with an RBI and a double Bisceglia was 2 for 3 wit three RBI. All but one playe hit safely for the Owls.

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# Westfield Tied For First In MASCAC Softball Poll

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass.— The Bears of Bridgewater State University and the Owls of Westfield State University are the pre-season picks to share the 2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Softball championship in a vote of the league's coaches.

Bridgewater State captured three first place votes, while defending conference regular season co-champion Westfield State grabbed two first place votes as each school amassed 52 points in sharing the top spot in the poll.

Defending MASCAC tournament and regular season co-champion Worcester State is in third place with 50 points that includes two first place votes, while Salem State is next in fourth place with 43 points. Framingham State follows in fifth place with 39 points that includes the remaining first place vote.

Fitchburg State is next in sixth place with 25 points, while MCLA and Massachusetts Maritime round out this year's poll in seventh and eighth place, respectively, with 19 and eight points.

The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, the nation's oldest Division III men's and women's playing conference, has a rich and storied tradition of competitive success while celebrating excellence in the classroom.

MASCAC member schools include Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, MCLA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State University, Westfield State University and Worcester State University. Two other institutions, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Plymouth State University, are affiliate members of the

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

# Unbeaten Amherst sweeps Lady Owls

WESTFIELD – Undefeated Amherst College ran its record to 21-0 by posting a 7-0, 12-0 doubleheader softball sweep of Westfield State University on Wednesday.

In the opener, the Lord Jeffs got a pair of two-run homers from Carolyn Miller and Theresa Kelley, who also starred on the mound by pitching a three-hit shutout. Kelley issued no walks and struck out 10.

Miller delivered the game-winning blow in the second inning when she swatted her two-run shot over the left-center field fence on a two-strike pitch.

Kelley, batting in the No. 9 slot, homered to left-center in the sixth to stake Amherst to a 6-0 lead.

Amherst collected 10 hits off Owl pitchers Madeline Tomich, Emily Mailloux and Kelley Fluet. Miller was 2 for 4 with three RBI and leadoff batter Kelsey Ayers was 2 for 3 with two triples. Reilly Horan was 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Donna Leet pounded a double in the opener and led the Lord Jeffs in the nightcap, going 3 for 4 with a grand slam homer, double, five RBI, and three runs scored. Leet completely broke open the game by lining a grand slam homer down the left field line for a 12-0 third-inning lead.

The Lord Jeffs scored two runs in the first inning and tacked on five more in the second.

Miller had the big blow in the second inning, a three-run double. Horan was 2 for 4 with a double and two RBI.

Winning pitcher Arielle Doering allowed two hits and a walk and fanned five in the five-inning game. Westfield freshman third baseman Vicki Hill singled in both games.

*Westfield's Lisa Policelli tracks down a fly ball for an out in the fifth inning of game one.*
**(Photo by Matt Jardin)**

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*Westfield's Kelly Kinney steals third base during the sixth inning of game two.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

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# Salem Sweeps Lady Owls

## *WSU Bats Silent In 2-0, 5-0 Setbacks To Vikings*

WESTFIELD – Junior pitcher Alyssa Bryan (Stoneham) fired two complete-game shutouts, including a no-hitter in opener, to lead Salem State University to a 2-0, 5-0 doubleheader sweep of Westfield State University in conference softball action yesterday.

The Vikings improved to 22-7 overall and 5-1 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference. Westfield is 11-16 and 4-4.

Bryan, a transfer from Division II UMass Lowell, outdueled Westfield senior pitching ace Madeline Tomich in the opener. Bryan struck out nine, allowed one walk and hit a batter in her no-hit gem. Following her three-hit shutout in the second game, she improved her pitching record to 12-2 this season.

The closest the Owls came to a hit in the opener was in the fourth inning when Bri Eichstaedt rapped a shot up the middle, but Bryan gloved the hard hit grounder and threw to first for the out.

Tomich allowed just three hits and one earned run. Tomich struck out seven and now has 503 career strikeouts. She reached the magic milestone of 500 strikeouts when she fanned Christina Cipriani looking to open the fourth inning.

Salem scored its first run in the fourth with two outs and the bases empty. Sarra Bergeron singled to left field and Michelle Flower reached safely on a fielding error after dropping a bunt down the third base line. Michelle Grifoni then delivered an RBI single to center field.

Salem also scored with two outs and the bases empty in the seventh. Gabbie Vitalie walked and scored on Jenn Toussaint's double to right center.

In the second game, Bryan tossed her three-hit shutout with no walks and five strikeouts. Westfield leadoff hitter Courtney Began recorded the Owls' first hit of the game in the fourth inning when she slapped an infield single to third base.

Kerin DeGirlamo followed with a double to put runners at second and third for the Owls, but Bryan retired the next two batters to get out of the jam.

Salem took a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth. Bryan led off with a single, advanced to second on a groundout and stole third. Lauren Garchinsky pounded an RBI double and Bergeron laced an RBI single.

Salem scored three unearned runs in the fifth inning on three hits and three Owl errors.

Salem collected nine hits in the nightcap. Toussaint was 3 for 4 with a double and Bergeron was 2 for 4 with an RBI.

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*reshman second baseman Breanne Bisceglia was 4 for 4 with a home run and triple in the vinbill sweep of MCLA.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

# Vestfield sweeps MCLA, 4-1, 23-2

VESTFIELD – The Westfield State versity softball team blasted 32 hits in a , 23-2 double-header sweep of MCLA yes- ay.

estfield improves to 17-16 overall and 8-4 ie Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletics ference. MCLA drops to 4-29 and 2-10.

ie Owls rapped 12 hits in the opener but needed a strong pitching performance senior Madeline Tomich. Tomich struck ine and allowed four walks in going the ice.

LA freshman Kendra Hinkell spoiled h's bid for a shutout when she slugged a ome run with two outs in the last inning. LA's Angelica Perfido led off the second with a triple off the left field fence, but ilblazers were unable to score as Perfido rown out at home on a squeeze bunt

field scored an unearned run in its first vhen Courtney Begin reached safely on ase infield throwing error. She advanced on a ground out and scored on Kerin lamo's infield single.

wls scored the eventual game-winning the fourth on a bases-loaded infield y Begin. Westfield tacked on two insurance runs in the sixth on a bases-loade sacrifice fly by Lisa Policelli and an RBI single by Bri Eichstaedt.

Begin was 3 for 4 and freshman secon baseman Breanne Bisceglia was 3 for 3 with triple. DeGirolamo and Molly Dunbar bot laced two singles.

DeGirolamo and Dunbar were Westfield' leading hitters in the second game. DeGirolam was 4 for 5, including a three-run inside-the park homer. Dunbar was 3 for 4 with a tripl and a three-run homer that she blasted over th center field fence. Also homering for the Owl was Bisceglia, who led off Westfield's 12-ru explosion in the third inning with a solo circu shot to left field.

The Owls also scored five runs in the firs and six in the fourth.

Begin was 2 for 4 to finish the day with fiv hits in raising her team-high batting average t .404. Junior catcher Brittany Dussault was for 3 with three runs scored and two RBI; sh is now batting an even .400. Freshman thir baseman Vicki Hill was 3 for 5 with three run scored.

MCLA, which scored two unearned runs i the fourth, had two hits off Westfield's thre pitchers, singles by Hinkell and Perfido.

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# Westfield softball earns No. 4 Tournament Seed

## *Lady Owls Play At No. 1 Seed Worcester*

BUZZARDS BAY – Worcester State University has earned the top seed in the 2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Softball Championships, which begin with first round play tomorrow and continue in a double elimination format on both Saturday and Sunday, May 5th and 6th.

Worcester State will host fourth-seeded Westfield State University in one first round contest on Thursday afternoon at Rockwood Park in Worcester, Mass. beginning at 5 p.m., while second-seeded Bridgewater State University will host third-seeded Salem State University in the other first round contest on Thursday afternoon at Alumni Park in Bridgewater, Mass. beginning at 4 p.m.

The tournament continues on Saturday morning at Worcester State's Rockwood Park in a double elimination format beginning at noon, with the championship round set for Sunday afternoon beginning at noon, as the 2012 MASCAC champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III Softball Championships.

Worcester State claimed its second straight MASCAC regular season title with 21 overall victories, including a 12-2 league mark, under Head Coach Jennifer Kapenas, and the Lancers are paced offensively by sophomore Carolyn Hassett, who is batting .340 with four doubles to date. Junior Aimee Lamoureux follows at .333 with 10 extra base hits, while junior Hannah Everson has notched 14 wins inside the circle to date for Worcester State with 124 strikeouts in 125 innings of work.

Bridgewater State recorded a 28-11 regular season slate, including 11 MASCAC triumphs, under Head Coach Lori Salvia, and junior Jennifer Shaw leads the Bears at the plate with a conference-leading .429 batting average that includes nine homers and 39 RBI. Senior Michaela Ferreira follows with a .351 batting average and 15 RBI, while sophomore Amber White has posted 15 victories and a 1.66 ERA for Bridgewater State with 120 strikeouts in 139 innings this spring.

Salem State claimed the third seed in this year's MASCAC Championships with a conference best 29 overall victories, including an 11-3 league slate, under Head Coach Leanne Harris, as the Vikings are led offensively by freshman Jenn Toussaint, who sports a .414 batting average to go with nine homers and 36 RBI. Junior Lauren Garchinsky follows at .373 with seven doubles and 22 RBI, while junior Alyssa Bryan leads the league with a 1.44 ERA to go with 15 victories and 114 strikeouts in 121 innings.

Westfield State rounds out the 2012 MASCAC championship field, as Head Coach Lindsay Sawyer led the Owls to 19 regular season wins, including nine in conference play. Junior Courtney Begin ranks second in the league with a .417 batting average and 13 RBI, while senior Kerin DeGirolamo follows at .372 with three homers and 17 RBI. Senior Madeline Tomich has recorded 10 victories and a 1.93 ERA for Westfield State, fanning 174 in 119 innings of work.

Worcester State captured the 2011 MASCAC Softball Championship with a 2-1 win over Westfield State in the title game.

**2012 MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Double Elimination Format)

**THURSDAY, MAY 3RD – FIRST ROUND**

Game #1: #3 Salem State (29-10, 11-3) at #2 Bridgewater State (28-11, 11-3) 4:00 pm

Game #2: #4 Westfield State (19-18, 9-5) at #1 Worcester State (21-17, 12-2) 5:00 pm

**SATURDAY, MAY 5TH – SEMI-FINALS (AT ROCKWOOD PARK, WORCESTER, MASS.)**

Game #3: Loser Game #1 vs. Loser Game #2 Noon

Game #4: Winner Game #1 vs. Winner Game #2 2:00 pm

Game #5: Winner Game #3 vs. Loser Game #4 4:00 pm

**SUNDAY, MAY 6TH – CHAMPIONSHIP (AT ROCKWOOD PARK, WORCESTER, MASS.)**

Game #6: Winner Game #4 vs. Winner Game #5 Noon

Game #7: Winner Game #4 vs. Winner Game #5 (if necessary) 30 min. following

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# Lady Owls Shut Out Saint Joseph, 4-0

## *Tomich Strikes Out 13; DeGirolamo, Alcott Slam Solo Homers*

CLERMONT, Fla. – Madeline Tomich struck out 13 and Kerin DeGirolamo and Kerry Alcott slammed solo home runs to lead Westfield State University to a 4-0 victory over Saint Joseph College of West Hartford, Conn., on Tuesday morning, March 13.

Westfield is 3-0 and Saint Joseph is 1-2.

Tomich fanned 13 for the second straight game. She allowed two hits, both in the third inning, and issued one walk.

DeGirolamo had the game-winning hit in the first inning when she smacked her homer over the center-field fence.

Westfield scored a run in the fourth inning on doubles by Sarah Pliszka and Katie Moore. Brittany Dussault delivered an RBI single in the sixth and Alcott blasted her solo roundtripper over the center-field fence in the seventh.

Westfield collected six hits. Pliszka was 2 for 2 with a double and a sacrifice hit.

*A BBQ was held for the Westfield State University softball and baseball teams on Tuesday evening in Florida. Approximately 120 (parents, players and family members) attended the dinner.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

**2012 WSU SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

| | DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
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| ch | 10-17 | Spring Trip – Clermont, Florida | |
| dnesday | March 21 | at Nichols (2) | 3:00 |
| rsday | March 22 | ELMS | 4:00 |
| sday | March 27 | at Western Connecticut (2) | 3:00 |
| rsday | March 29 | at Western New England | 4:00 |
| urday | March 31 | WORCESTER STATE (2) | 12:00 |
| dnesday | April 4 | AMHERST (2) | 3:30 |
| day | April 6 | at Bridgewater State (2) | 12:00 |
| nday | April 9 | SMITH | 4:30 |
| ursday | April 12 | KEENE STATE (2) | 3:00 |
| turday | April 14 | at Framingham State (2) | 1:00 |
| nday | April 16 | SALEM STATE (2) | 12:00 |
| ursday | April 19 | at Rhode Island College (2) | 4:00 |
| turday | April 21 | MASS MARITIME (2) | 12:00 |
| esday | April 24 | MCLA (2) | 2:00 |
| ednesday | April 25 | SPRINGFIELD (2) | 3:00 |
| aturday | April 28 | at Fitchburg State (2) | 2:00 |
| Thursday | May 3 | MASCAC Tournament | |
| Saturday | May 5 | MASCAC Tournament | |
| Sunday | May 6 | MASCAC Tournament | |

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# Softball, Baseball Dugouts Looking Good

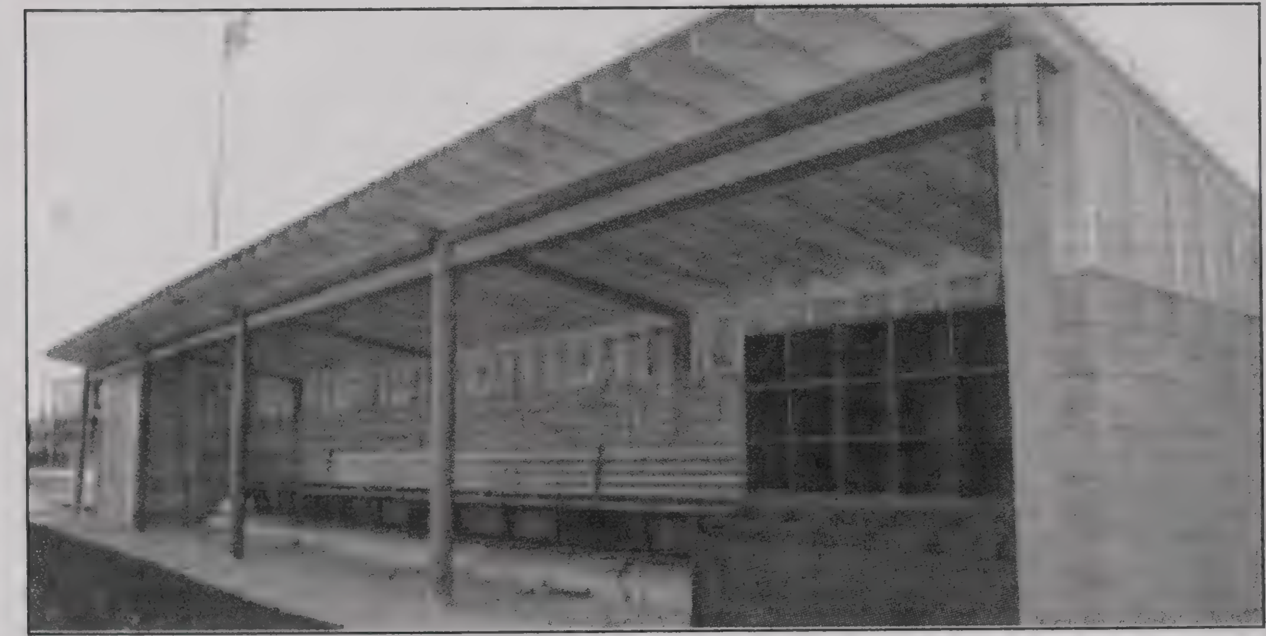
WESTFIELD – The construction of the new dugouts at the Westfield State University baseball and softball fields has been very productive over the past several months.

Step-up benches, bat racks and helmet racks have been installed and the roofing is nearly finished. The wooden sections of the dugout are being painted Owl blue.

Also, a four-foot high fence is being installed along the outer edge of the concrete floors.

After concluding its Florida trip, the Westfield baseball team is scheduled to play its first eight games at home, including its opener vs. Elms College on March 20. The Westfield State softball squad's home opener is March 22 vs. Elms.

*An inside look at the new softball dugouts.* (Photos by Bryan Stockhaus)



*The new dugouts are a great addition to the Westfield State baseball and softball fields.* (Photo by Bryan Stockhaus)

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# Mailloux has grand time in pinch hit role

## *Westfield erupts for 10 fifth-Inning runs to topple Elms*

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University exploded for 10 fifth-inning runs, including a dramatic game-winning grand slam homer by freshman pinch hitter Emily Mailloux (Erving/Turners Falls), to rally for a 10-2 softball victory over Elms College on Thursday, March 22.

Westfield (6-5) trailed 2-0 with only one hit heading into the home half of the fifth. But the Owls blasted 10 hits in the inning, including Mailloux's stunning bases-clearing circuit shot that gave them a 5-2 lead.

Bri Eichstaedt led off the Westfield fifth with a single to deep shortstop and Molly Dunbar doubled down the leftfield line. Amanda Flower ripped a single off the pitcher's glove that scored Eichstaedt and moved Dunbar to third. After Flower stole second, Kate Robinson singled to shortstop to load the bases.

Sarah Pliszka popped up to the second baseman for the first out then Mailloux was inserted as a pinch hitter in the leadoff spot. Mailloux took the first two offerings then on a 1-1 pitch blasted her game-winning grand slam over the leftfield fence.

Westfield belted a total of 10 hits in the 10-run fifth to put the mercy rule game to a quick finish.

Elms took a 1-0 second-inning lead on an RBI double to left-center by Westfield native Courtney Hampton. The Blazers added an unearned run on two Owl errors in the fifth.

Winning pitcher Kelley Fluet scattered five hits, walked none and struck out two in the five-inning complete game. Alyson Santerre was tagged with the pitching loss.

Dunbar was 2 for 3 with two doubles and two runs scored and Flower was 2 for 3 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Lisa Policelli was 2 for 3.

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*Emily Mailloux connects for a pinch hit grand slam in the fifth inning.* (Photo by Tom M
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*At left, above, Kelsey Carpenter slides home safely, scoring on a throwing error catcher after stealing second base during fifth inning action.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

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*Sophomore shortstop Bri Eichstaedt, a Southampton native (Hampshire Regional), was a freshman starter at shortstop for the Owls last season.*

2011-2012

# WSU softball coach Ann Simchak retires

## *Former Bomber Blair lifts Owls*

JUNE 8, 2011

WESTFIELD — Westfield State University recently announced the resignation of Lou Ann Simchak as its softball head coach.

Simchak retires after coaching the Westfield State softball squad for the past 13 years, compiling an overall record of 225-224-2. She led the Owls to a 114-73 record and five consecutive 20-win seasons during the past five years, including a school record 26 victories in 2010.

During her tenure Westfield was the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) regular season co-champions in 2009, 2010 and 2011. She also guided the Owls to four regular season runner-up finishes and was selected MASCAC softball coach of the year four times.

"I would like to thank Lou Ann for her hard word in developing Westfield State into a highly competitive and successful softball program," said Westfield State athletics director Richard Lenfest.

Simchak, a 1977 Westfield State graduate and 2001 Hall of Fame inductee, will remain employed at Westfield State as coordinator of the university's intramurals and recreation program.

**BLAIR A HIT:** Westfield State University junior first baseman Josh Blair of Westfield (Westfield HS) was a standout first baseman for the Owls this past season.

Blair ranked second on the team with a .368 batting average and a .429 on-base percentage. He led the team in hits (53), doubles (11) and RBI (31). He also slugged three home runs and one triple.

The Owls finished with a 22-22 overall record and captured the MASCAC regular season championship with an 11-3 record.

**FRESHMAN TRACKS DOWN TOP 10 FINISH:** Westfield State University freshman Targie Gervais (Springfield/Central HS) earned All-America honors by placing seventh in the 100-meter dash at the NCAA Division III national outdoor track and field championships at Ohio Wesleyan University on May 28.

Gervais - the only freshman in the 100-meter finals field of eight - was clocked in 12.25 to cap her sensational rookie season in which she shattered five school sprint records.

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# Westfield State University Baseball 2012

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Captains
Matt Kelly, Josh Blair, Aaron Messier

## NCAA Tournaments

1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1981,
1984, 2007, 2009, 2010

# Westfield State University 2012 Baseball Team

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**SENIORS, left to right: Roman Mondalto, Curt Everett, Josh Blair, Matt Kelly, Aaron Messier.**

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# MASCAC CHAMPIONS

1975, 1976, 1978, 1979,1981,
1982, 1984, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011

# Westfield State University
# Baseball History

The Westfield State University baseball program has enjoyed a rich and an exciting history. The baseball program has earned 14 NCAA appearances and 10 MASCAC championships. It has six All-Americans, 38 All-New England players, and seven professional signees.

In recent years, the baseball team has experienced remarkable success, capturing four MASCAC regular season championships and earning three NCAA Tournament berths in the past five years.

The baseball team has also provided five New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) players in the past six years. The NECBL is a premier baseball league with teams located throughout New England. We are proud of our players who have had the opportunity to play in this elite summer baseball league.

There are high hopes for the 2012 baseball team, which has five seniors leading the squad of 31 players that includes 18 returnees. The determined Owls will be competing for another MASCAC championship this spring and hope to return to the NCAA tournament for the third time in four years.

The team also has been successful in the classroom with many players earning 3.0 or higher grade point averages, and the team has a 100 percent graduation rate under the tutelage of head coach Ray Arra, who begins his 50th year of coaching on the high school, Legion and collegiate levels. The Owls coaching staff, led by Coach Arra, is very proud of this group of players and has only the highest expectations for this combination of talented athletes.

# 2012 Season Outlook

**By Matt Jardin**

The Westfield State University baseball team heads into the 2012 season seeking to maintain the success it has achieved under veteran head coach Ray Arra.

Coach Arra is confident in his team's ability to capture another MASCAC (Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference) regular season championship, which would be Westfield's 12th all-time and fifth in the last six years. The Owls finished the 2011 season with a 22-22 overall record and won the MASCAC regular season championship with an 11-3 record, but lost to Bridgewater State in the conference tournament championship game.

"Our goals once again are to win the MASCAC title and get to the NCAA tournament," said Arra, who is entering his 50th year as a baseball coach.

As far as the NCAA tournament, the Owls have participated in three under Arra and 10 all-time. The pitchers will be crucial in getting the team to the postseason.

"This is the best pitching staff we have ever had," said Arra. "With the guys we have returning and the great attitude of our new guys, we have a chance to be very good."

The returning pitchers were responsible for 17 of the team's 22 wins last season. The Owls are led by ace Roman Mondalto, a senior southpaw who made second team All-New England last season with a stellar 7-1 record and an earned run average (ERA) of 2.11. Second in the rotation is Aaron Messier, a senior with a career 10-5 record.

Completing the probable starting rotation are junior Connor Buckley, sophomore Tommy Carroll, freshman Sean Ahern and junior Bret Siflinger, who was 4-3 last season with 40 strikeouts. The pitching staff also includes returnees Kevin Zyrkowski and Curt Everett.

Ahern is a freshman joining the team with 12 other new players, some of whom are expected to make an impact.

Freshman Mike Molta of Nantucket could star as the team's closer this season. "Mike's a good addition to our pitching staff," said Arra. "Also, (sophomore returnee) Mike Sullivan is a hard worker; he has a chance to have a great season."

The new players will be looking to fill the voids left by last year's seniors, including two all-conference selections in 2011. Jeff Ackerman compiled a career .314 batting average and Pete Hogan was a standout defensive catcher. The Owls also lost second baseman Pete Grillo, who had a career .271 batting average over three years.

The Owls do have key players returning, including four of their top five batters from last year who hit for a combined .345 average.

The coaches expect four-year veteran Matt Kelly to be a key performer at shortstop. The Boston College High School graduate from Weymouth has a .322 career batting average and three-year totals of 75 runs scored, 54 RBI and 128 hits. The 6-2, 175-pound shortstop had 57 hits and a .377 batting average his sophomore season when he was a first-team all-conference selection. Last year he batted .312 with 48 hits in a team-high 154 at bats.

"Kelly looks better than ever," Arra said.

Senior Josh Blair, who hit .369 with team highs of 11 doubles and 31 RBI last year, will start at first base. Junior catcher Andrew Medeiros slugged five home runs and batted .368 in 2011, earning him an all-conference selection.

Junior returnees Kevin Greene and Alex Cloutier and transfer Pat McWiliams are the leading outfielder candidates. Greene hit .316 last season and was a defensive standout in centerfield, while Cloutier clubbed eight doubles and drove in 24 runs.

Junior Tim Heintz will be rotating in the infield and utility players Molta and junior Dale Crispin are expected to see significant playing time.

Making sure the other players step up and work well together will be tri-captains Kelly, Messier and Blair.

"Our tri-captains have done an outstanding job as leaders," said Arra, who is two wins away from 150 with the Owls.

The Owls again face a tough schedule but that is what Arra prefers. "I tried to get the best teams in New England," Arra said. "We are playing teams like Curry, who had 30 wins last year, and Western New England who won the region. A tough schedule will only make us better."

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# Westfield State 2012 Baseball Schedule

| Day | DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Spring Break – Winter Haven, Florida, area - March 10-17** | | |
| Saturday | March 10 | WPI (2) @Lake Region High School, Eagle Lake | 10:30 a.m. |
| Sunday | March 11 | Becker College (2) @Lake Myrtle Park Field No. 3 | 2:00 |
| Tuesday | March 13 | Bowdoin College (2) @Henley Field, Lakeland | 10:30 a.m. |
| Thursday | March 15 | Roger Williams (2) Chain of Lakes Field No. | 11:30 |
| Friday | March 16 | Vassar College @Lake Myrtle Park Field No. 1 | 1:00 |
| Saturday | March 17 | Ramapo College @Chain of Lakes Park Field No. 3 | 9:30 a.m. |
| **Tuesday** | **March 20** | **ELMS** | **3:30** |
| **Thursday** | **March 22** | **ALBERTUS MAGNUS** | **3:30** |
| **Sunday** | **March 25** | **WHEATON** | **1:00** |
| **Tuesday** | **March 27** | **WESTERN CONNECTICUT** | **3:30** |
| **Thursday** | **March 29** | **SPRINGFIELD** | **3:30** |
| **Saturday** | **March 31** | **WORCESTER STATE (2)** | **12:00** |
| **Monday** | **April 2** | **UMASS BOSTON** | **3:30** |
| Wednesday | April 4 | at Amherst | 3:30 |
| Friday | April 6 | at Bridgewater State (2) | 12:00 |
| Wednesday | April 11 | at Williams | 4:00 |
| Thursday | April 12 | at Keene State | 3:30 |
| Saturday | April 14 | at Framingham State (2) | **1:00** |
| **Monday** | **April 16** | **SALEM STATE (2)** | **12:00** |
| **Thursday** | **April 19** | **WESTERN NEW ENGLAND** | **3:30** |
| **Saturday** | **April 21** | **MASS MARITIME (2)** | **12:00** |
| **Tuesday** | **April 24** | **MCLA (2)** | **2:00** |
| **Thursday** | **April 26** | **ENDICOTT** | **4:00** |
| Saturday | April 28 | at Fitchburg State (2) | 12:00 |
| Sunday | April 29 | at Curry | 1:00 |
| Thursday | May 3 | Conference Tournament | TBA |
| Saturday | May 5 | Conference Tournament | TBA |
| Sunday | May 6 | Conference Tournament | TBA |

# 2012 Westfield State University Baseball Roster

| NO | NAME | YEAR | POS | HT | WT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bobby Wagner | FR | IF | 6-0 | 170 | Mongaup Valley, NY (Monticello) |
| 3 | Tommy Nowlan | FR | P | 6-0 | 160 | Williamstown (Mount Greylock) |
| 4 | Aaron Messier *** | SR | P | 5-10 | 190 | New Bedford |
| 5 | Kevin Zyrkowski * | SO | P | 6-0 | 165 | Hingham |
| 6 | Matt Kelly *** | SR | SS | 6-2 | 175 | Weymouth (Boston College High) |
| 7 | Dustin Mocadlo | FR | OF | 5-10 | 155 | Ellington, CT |
| 8 | Jordan Shoubash | FR | P | 6-2 | 187 | Bow, NH |
| 9 | Kyle Colesanti * | SO | IF | 5-8 | 165 | Mount Kisco, NY (Fox Lane) |
| 10 | Alex Cloutier ** | JR | OF | 6-0 | 160 | Westford (Westford Academy) |
| 11 | Roman Mondalto * | SR | P | 5-11 | 205 | Amesbury |
| 12 | Tim Heintz ** | JR | IF | 5-10 | 182 | Ellington, CT |
| 13 | Mike Molta | FR | 3B/OF | 6-0 | 170 | Nantucket |
| 14 | Dan Rokitowski | FR | 1B | 5-8 | 168 | Wappingers Falls, NY (Roy C Ketcham) |
| 15 | Pat McWilliams | FR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Duxbury |
| 17 | Justin Roethlingshoefer | SR | C | 5-10 | 185 | Edmonton, AB (St. Francis Xavier Academy) |
| 18 | Connor Buckley ** | JR | P | 6-1 | 180 | Acton (Acton-Boxborough Regional) |
| 19 | Andrew Medeiros ** | JR | C | 6-1 | 195 | Acushnet (New Bedford) |
| 20 | Tommy Carroll * | SO | P | 6-2 | 190 | Shelton, CT |
| 21 | Curt Everett ** | SR | P | 5-11 | 190 | Lexington |
| 22 | Kevin Greene * | JR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Worcester (Holy Name) |
| 23 | Victor Martinez | SO | OF | 5-11 | 165 | Boston (South Boston/Excel) |
| 24 | Josh Blair ** | SR | 1B | 6-4 | 245 | Westfield |
| 25 | Mike Sullivan * | SO | P | 6-0 | 180 | East Sandwich (Sandwich) |
| 26 | Bret Siflinger ** | JR | P | 6-2 | 210 | Framingham |
| 27 | Jeremy Tanguay | FR | IF | 5-10 | 165 | Huntington (Gateway Regional) |
| 28 | Drew Dunn * | SO | C | 6-2 | 205 | Nashua, NH (Nashua South) |
| 30 | Nick Champeau | FR | OF/C | 5-7 | 195 | Southbridge (Tantasqua) |
| 31 | Kyle Canole | FR | P | 6-5 | 220 | Milford |
| 33 | Dale Crispin * | JR | 3B/C | 6-1 | 205 | Stoneham (Bishop Fenwick) |
| 35 | Tim Santilli | FR | 1B | 6-3 | 205 | Southbridge (Tantasqua) |
| 36 | Sean Ahern | FR | P | 6-5 | 250 | Westfield |

*** - Years Played at Westfield State Before This Season**

**Head Coach: Ray Arra (No. 32), 8th Year**
**Assistant Coaches: Fred Perry (No. 29), 8th Year; Steve Burndrett (16), 3rd year; Ben Wagner (No. 2), 2nd year: Mark Bonavita (No. 34), 2nd year**
**Volunteer Assistant: Pete Hogan**
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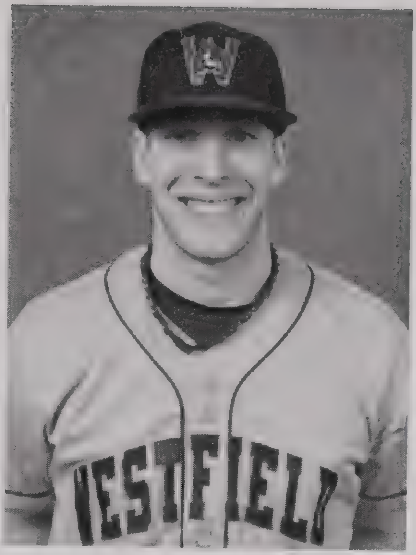

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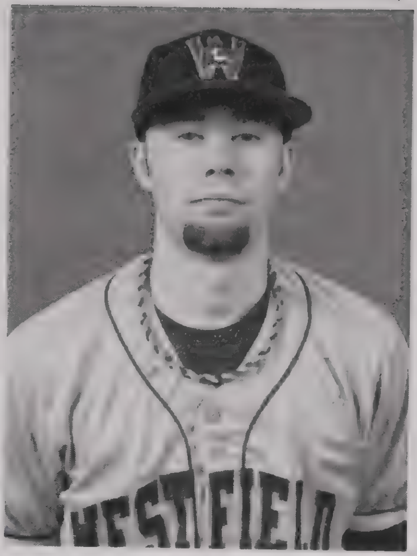

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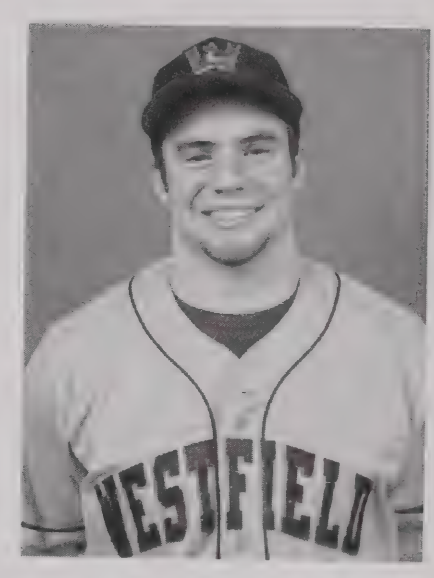

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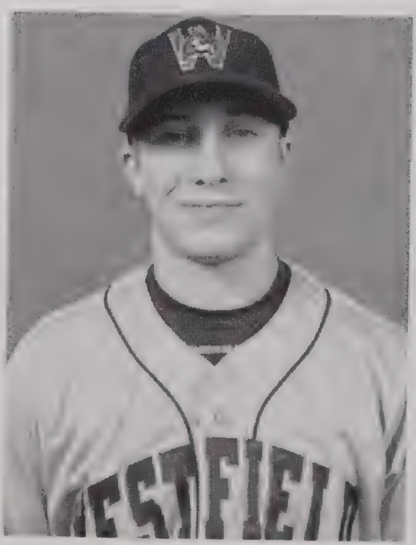

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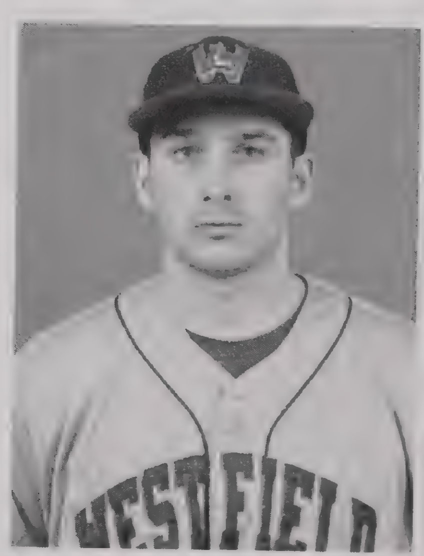

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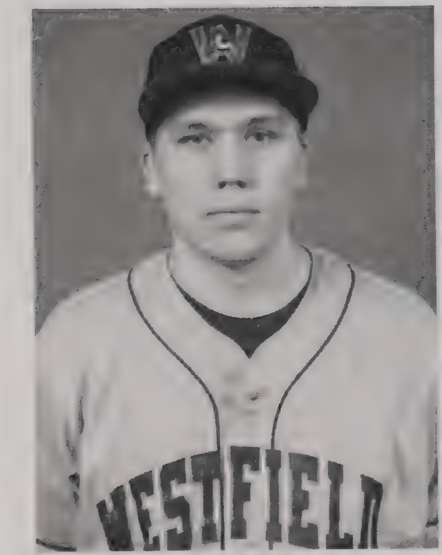
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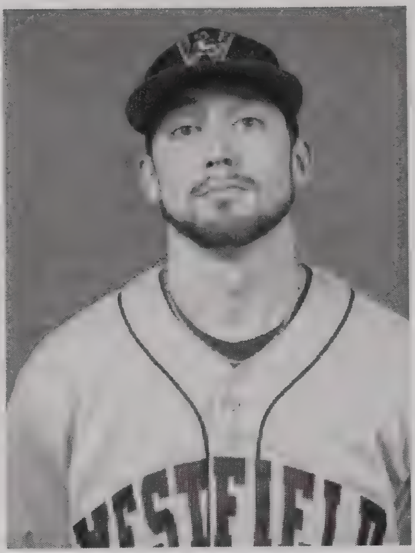
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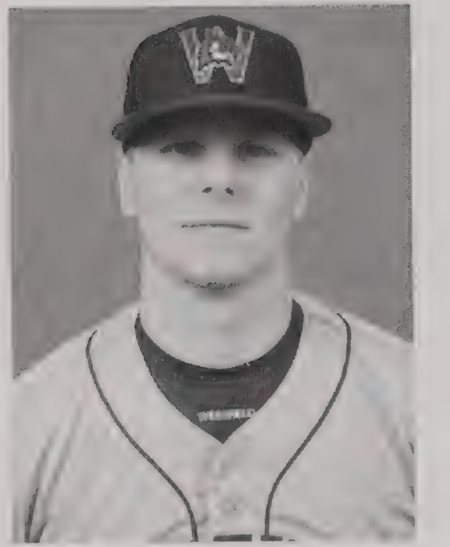
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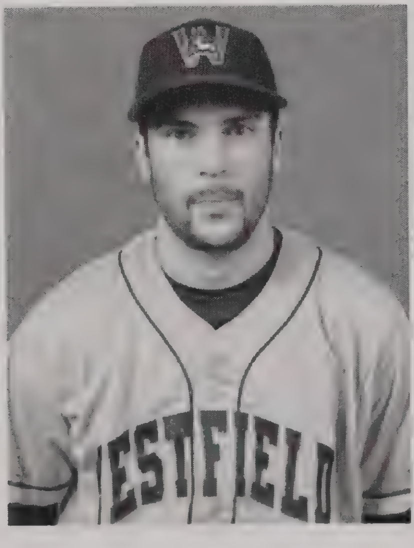
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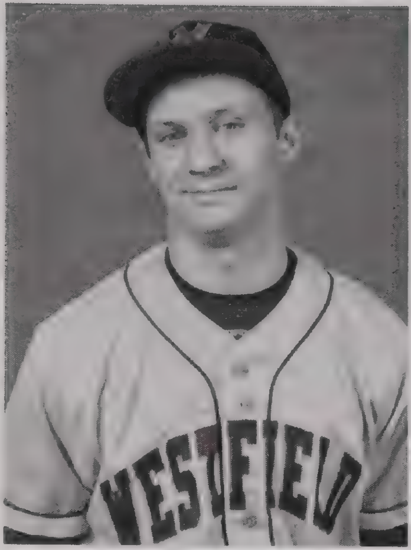

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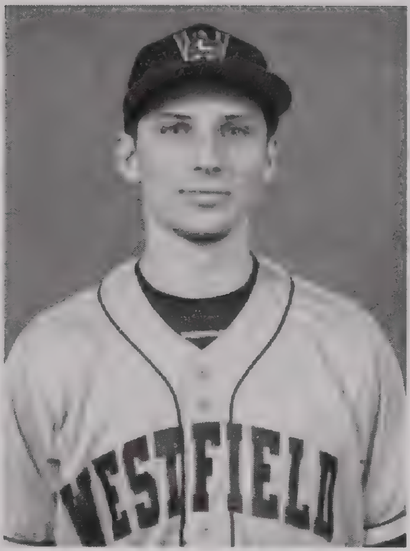

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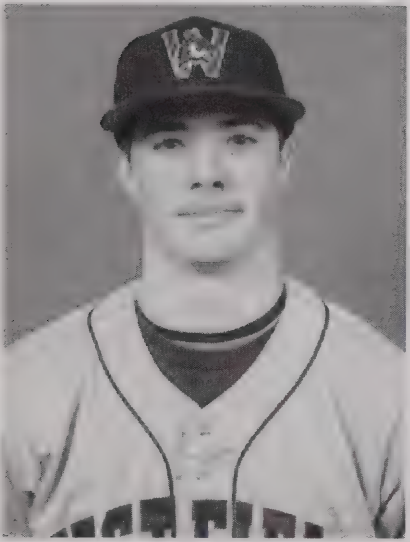

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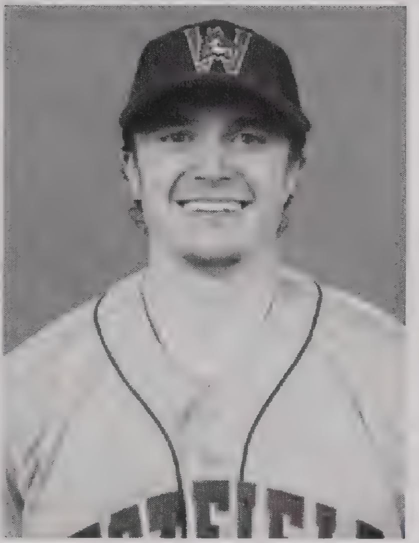

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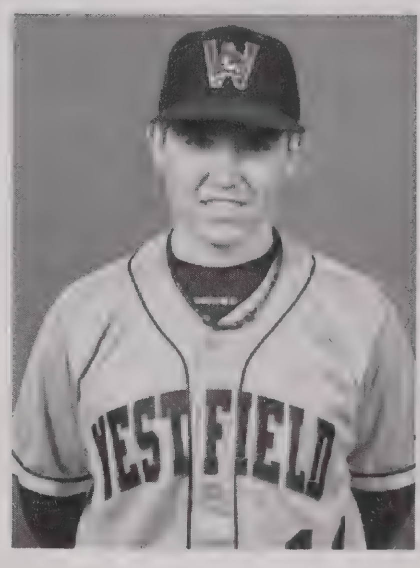

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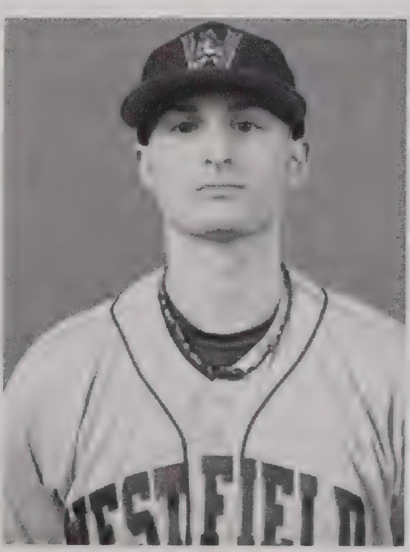

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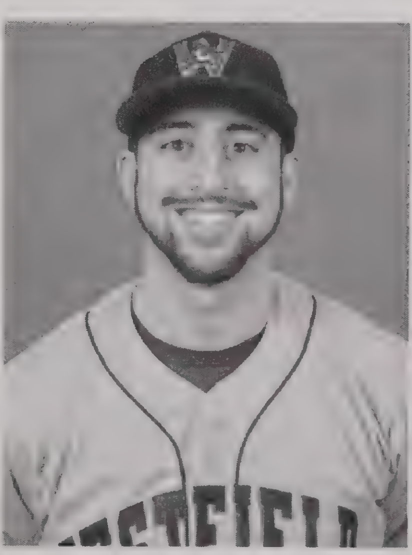

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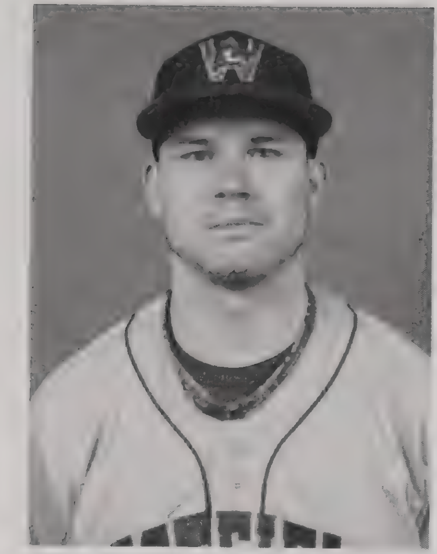
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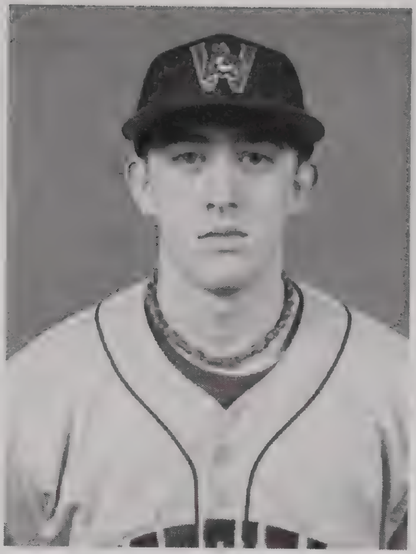
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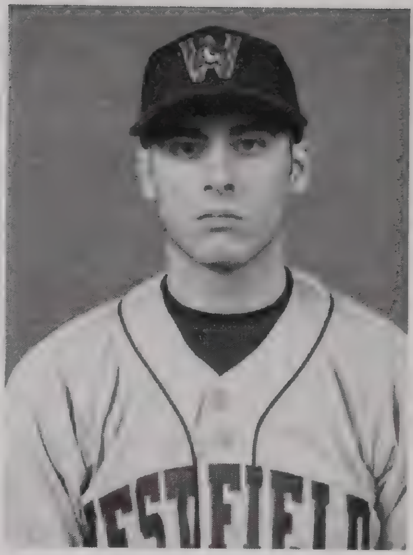
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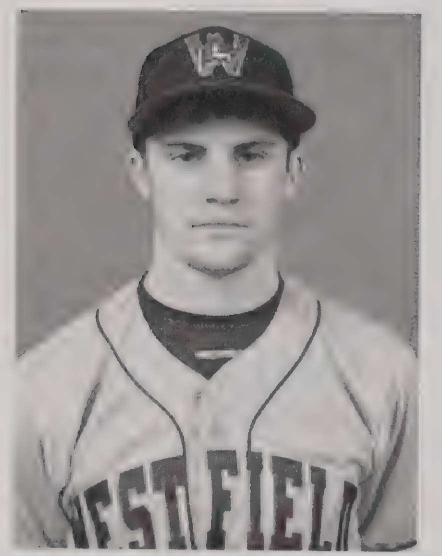
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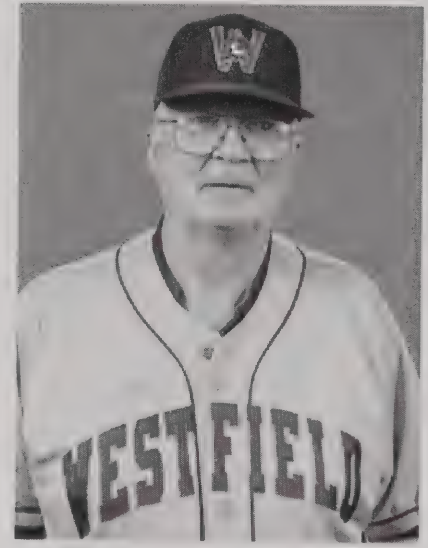
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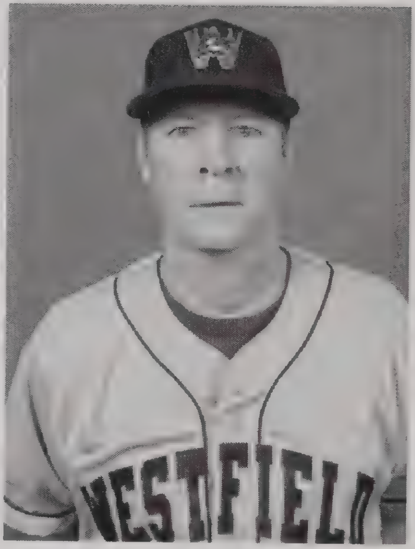
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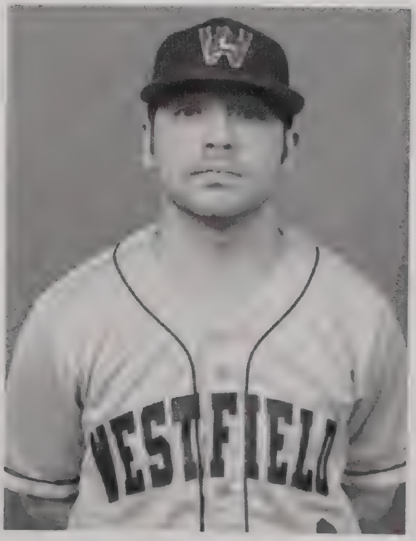
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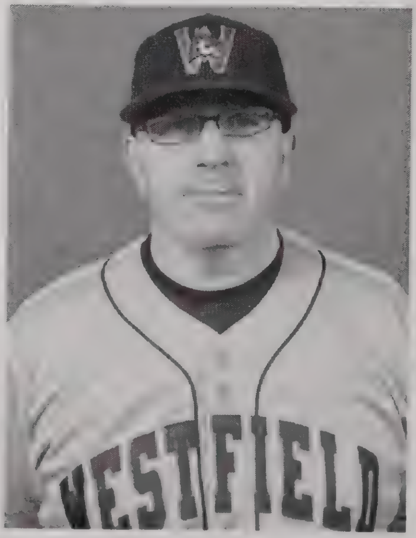
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## Bridgewater State Picked To Claim 2012 MASCAC Baseball Championship

Buzzards Bay, Mass.— The Bears of Bridgewater State University are the pre-season pick to win the 2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Baseball championship in a vote of the league's coaches.

Bridgewater State, the defending league tournament champion, claimed five first place votes to amass 61 points in taking the top spot in the poll, as the Bears outdistanced defending conference regular season champion Westfield State's total of 59 points that included the other three first place votes. Worcester State is next in third place with 44 points, while Salem State follows in fourth place with 35 points. Framingham State and Massachusetts Maritime are next in fifth and sixth place, respectively, with 31 and 24 points, while Fitchburg State and MCLA round out this year's coaches poll in seventh and eighth place, respectively, with 23 and 11 points.

The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, the nation's oldest Division III men's and women's playing conference, has a rich and storied tradition of competitive success while celebrating excellence in the classroom. MASCAC member schools include Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, MCLA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State University, Westfield State University and Worcester State University. Two other institutions, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Plymouth State University, are affiliate members of the conference in the sport of men's ice hockey.

### 2012 MASCAC Baseball Pre-Season Coaches Poll

**(First Place Votes In Parentheses)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Bridgewater State (5) | 61 points |
| 2. | Westfield State (3) | 59 points |
| 3. | Worcester State | 44 points |
| 4. | Salem State | 35 points |
| 5. | Framingham State | 31 points |
| 6. | Massachusetts Maritime | 24 points |
| 7. | Fitchburg State | 23 points |
| 8. | MCLA | 11 points |

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Westfield State University CAPTAINS, left to right: Matt Kelly, Josh Blair, Aaron Messier.

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## Elms College
## vs. Westfield State University

Westfield 7
Elms 3

### Tuesday, March 20, 2012
### Alumni Field
### Westfield, Mass.

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## Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
## Baseball Standings (Through Games Played of March 18, 2012)

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | GP | W | L | Pct. | GP | W | L | Pct. | Streak |
| Salem State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 11 | 8 | 3 | .727 | Lost 1 |
| Massachusetts Maritime | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 6 | 4 | 2 | .667 | Won 3 |
| MCLA | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 9 | 5 | 4 | .556 | Won 2 |
| Framingham State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 10 | 5 | 5 | .500 | Won 4 |
| Bridgewater State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 13 | 6 | 7 | .462 | Lost 4 |
| Westfield State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 10 | 4 | 6 | .400 | Lost 2 |
| Worcester State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 8 | 2 | 6 | .250 | Lost 2 |
| Fitchburg State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 8 | 1 | 7 | .125 | Lost 1 |

## MASCAC Baseball Player Of the Week

**Sean Riley, Bridgewater State (Jr., 2B, Fairhaven, Mass.) --** Batted .341 (15-44) with two triples, four stolen bases, seven doubles, 10 runs scored and 11 RBI in 6-7 week for Bears, including combined four extra base hits and seven RBI in 13-4 win over Penn State-Brandywine and 10-3 triumph over Penn State-Fayette.

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# 2012 ELMS COLLEGE BASEBALL ROSTER

| # | Name | Pos. | Year | Bats/Throws | High School | Hometown |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hector Santiago | OF | Fr. | S/R | Ramon Vila Mayo | Truillo Alto, Puerto Rico |
| 2 | Tyler Emet | INF | Fr. | R/R | East Longmeadow | East Longmeadow, Mass. |
| 3 | Steve Fisher | OF | Jr. | L/R | West Boylston | West Boylston, Mass. |
| 4 | Andrew Kravontka | INF | Sr. | R/R | Manchester | Manchester, Conn. |
| 7 | Zach Dreher | INF | Jr. | R/R | Naugatuck | Naugatuck, Conn. |
| 8 | Sean Shanley | C | Sr. | R/R | St. Paul Catholic | Bristol, Conn. |
| 9 | Brady Forrest | OF | Fr. | R/R | Minnechaug Regional | Hampden, Mass. |
| 10 | Curtis LeBeau | RHP | So. | R/R | Auburn | Auburn, Mass. |
| 11 | Felix Montalvo | OF/INF | So. | R/R | Colegio Bautista de Carolina | Carolina, Puerto Rico |
| 12 | Nico Iavicoli | INF | Sr. | R/R | Longmeadow | Hampden, Mass. |
| 14 | Derek Leal | RHP | So. | R/R | Shepherd Hill Regional | Charlton, Mass. |
| 15 | Kevin Dwire | C | Fr. | R/L | Ellington | Ellington, Conn. |
| 16 | Alex King | OF/INF | So. | R/R | Lyman Memorial | Lebanon, Conn. |
| 17 | Matt Wood | RHP | Sr. | R/R | Cathedral | Feeding Hills, Mass. |
| 18 | John Russell | LHP | Jr. | L/L | Cathedral | Springfield, Mass. |
| 19 | Andrew Bunger | LHP | Sr. | L/L | Northwest Catholic | Southington, Conn. |
| 21 | Donny Morse | OF | Sr. | R/R | Massabesic High School | Alfred, Maine |
| 22 | Anthony Pagano | INF | So. | L/R | Cranston West | Cranston, R.I. |
| 23 | Carlos Camacho | RHP | So. | R/R | Sabis International | Springfield, Mass. |
| 24 | Andrew Desbiens | C | Fr. | R/R | Shenendehowa | Clifton Park, N.Y. |
| 25 | Ryan Burnette | RHP | Jr. | R/R | Chicopee Comprehensive | Chicopee, Mass. |
| 27 | Geoffrey Frost | INF/P | Fr. | R/R | Ludlow | Ludlow, Mass. |
| 30 | Rey Rivera | C/1B | Sr. | R/R | Colegio Lourdes | San Juan, Puerto Rico |

**Head Coach:** (5) Nathan Bashaw (2nd season, Gettysburg College '03)
**Assistant Coaches:** (29) Chris Dion, (28) Scott Netkovick, (26) Matt Karis, (13) Carm Bonavita
**Captains:** Steve Fisher, Nico Iavicoli, Donny Morse, Andrew Kravontka
RECORD: 4-8

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| NO | NAME | YEAR | POS | HT | WT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bobby Wagner | FR | IF | 6-0 | 170 | Mongaup Valley, NY (Monticello) |
| 3 | Tommy Nowlan | FR | P | 6-0 | 160 | Williamstown (Mount Greylock) |
| 4 | Aaron Messier *** | SR | P | 5-10 | 190 | New Bedford |
| 5 | Kevin Zyrkowski * | SO | P | 6-0 | 165 | Hingham |
| 6 | Matt Kelly *** | SR | SS | 6-2 | 175 | Weymouth (Boston College High) |
| 7 | Dustin Mocadlo | FR | OF | 5-10 | 155 | Ellington, CT |
| 8 | Jordan Shoubash | FR | P | 6-2 | 187 | Bow, NH |
| 9 | Kyle Colesanti * | SO | IF | 5-8 | 165 | Mount Kisco, NY (Fox Lane) |
| 10 | Alex Cloutier ** | JR | OF | 6-0 | 160 | Westford (Westford Academy) |
| 11 | Roman Mondalto * | SR | P | 5-11 | 205 | Amesbury |
| 12 | Tim Heintz ** | JR | IF | 5-10 | 182 | Ellington, CT |
| 13 | Mike Molta | FR | 3B/OF | 6-0 | 170 | Nantucket |
| 14 | Dan Rokitowski | FR | 1B | 5-8 | 168 | Wappingers Falls, NY (Roy C Ketcham) |
| 15 | Pat McWilliams | FR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Duxbury |
| 17 | Justin Roethlingshoefer | SR | C | 5-10 | 185 | Edmonton, AB (St. Francis Xavier Academy) |
| 18 | Connor Buckley ** | JR | P | 6-1 | 180 | Acton (Acton-Boxborough Regional) |
| 19 | Andrew Medeiros ** | JR | C | 6-1 | 195 | Acushnet (New Bedford) |
| 20 | Tommy Carroll * | SO | P | 6-2 | 190 | Shelton, CT |
| 21 | Curt Everett ** | SR | P | 5-11 | 190 | Lexington |
| 22 | Kevin Greene * | JR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Worcester (Holy Name) |
| 23 | Victor Martinez | SO | OF | 5-11 | 165 | Boston (South Boston/Excel) |
| 24 | Josh Blair ** | SR | 1B | 6-4 | 245 | Westfield |
| 25 | Mike Sullivan * | SO | P | 6-0 | 180 | East Sandwich (Sandwich) |
| 26 | Bret Siflinger ** | JR | P | 6-2 | 210 | Framingham |
| 27 | Jeremy Tanguay | FR | IF | 5-10 | 165 | Huntington (Gateway Regional) |
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| 31 | Kyle Canole | FR | P | 6-5 | 220 | Milford |
| 33 | Dale Crispin * | JR | 3B/C | 6-1 | 205 | Stoneham (Bishop Fenwick) |
| 34 | Sean Ahern | FR | P | 6-5 | 250 | Westfield |
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| | Conference | | | | | Overall | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | GP | Record | Win % | PF | PA | GP | Record | Win % | PF | PA | Last 10 | Streak |
| Salem St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 10-3 | 0.769 | 96 | 77 | 7-3 | Won 2 |
| Mass. Maritime | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4-3 | 0.571 | 38 | 21 | 4-3 | Lost 1 |
| MCLA | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 6-5 | 0.545 | 52 | 55 | 5-5 | Won 1 |
| Bridgewater St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7-7 | 0.500 | 80 | 55 | 5-5 | Won 1 |
| Framingham St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 5-6 | 0.455 | 59 | 68 | 5-5 | Lost 1 |
| Westfield St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 5-6 | 0.455 | 52 | 49 | 4-5 | Won 1 |
| Worcester St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2-8 | 0.200 | 42 | 81 | 2-8 | Lost 4 |
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Oscar Torres | Fr. | OF | R/R | 5-8 | 163 | Jersey City, N.J./Hudson Catholic |
| 2 | Mike Barillaro | Fr. | P/OF | L/L | 5-7 | 185 | Meriden, Conn./Platt |
| 3 | Nick Sedia | Fr. | IF | L/R | 5-7 | 180 | Bronx, N.Y./Salesian |
| 4 | Pete Haggerty | Fr. | IF/P | R/R | 5-10 | 170 | South Windsor, Conn./South Windsor |
| 5 | Kyle Calechman | Sr. | IF/OF | R/R | 6-0 | 195 | North Haven, Conn./North Haven |
| 6 | Patrick Dornfried | So. | IF/P | R/R | 5-9 | 165 | Berlin, Conn./Northwest Catholic |
| 7 | Malcolm Mendez | Sr. | C/3B | R/R | 6-2 | 205 | New York City, N.Y./East Side Community |
| 8 | Fanol Prevalla | Fr. | OF | R/R | 5-7 | 143 | Berlin, Conn./Northwest Catholic |
| 9 | Vinny Purgatore | Fr. | 2B/OF | L/R | 5-9 | 165 | Hamden, Conn./Notre Dame Catholic |
| 10 | Zak Sokolis | So. | OF/1B | L/L | 6-2 | 165 | Meriden, Conn./Maloney |
| 11 | Robert Gambardella | Jr. | OF | R/R | 5-11 | 190 | North Haven, Conn./North Haven |
| 13 | Jim Stanley | Jr. | P | R/R | 5-11 | 185 | North Haven, Conn./North Haven |
| 14 | Andre Eason | Fr. | OF/P | L/R | 5-10 | 180 | Waterbury, Conn./Post University |
| 15 | Jon Almonte | Sr. | 2B/3B | R/R | 6-0 | 190 | New York, N.Y./LaSalle Academy |
| 16 | Nick Russo | Fr. | P | R/R | 6-0 | 170 | Stamford, Conn./Trinity Catholic |
| 17 | Richard McLain | So. | P | L/L | 5-9 | 139 | Guilford, Conn./Gateway CC |
| 19 | Brian Levchuk | Fr. | P | R/R | 6-0 | 190 | Branford, Conn./Manchester CC |
| 21 | Anthony Pellegrino | Fr. | 3B/P | R/R | 5-11 | 215 | Branford, Conn./Branford |
| 22 | Christopher Saunders | Fr. | P | L/L | 5-11 | 152 | Watertown, Conn./Sacred Heart (Waterbury) |
| 23 | Matthew Finkenzeller | Jr. | P | R/R | 6-0 | 190 | Wolcott, Conn./Sacred Heart (Waterbury) |
| 24 | Matt Caputo | Jr. | 1B/P | L/L | 6-0 | 220 | East Haven, Conn./East Haven |
| 25 | Lazaro Barrios | Fr. | P/IF | R/R | 6-2 | 175 | New Haven, Conn./Hillhouse |
| 26 | Jared Sabanski | So. | P/OF | R/R | 5-10 | 165 | Stamford, Conn./Trinity Catholic |
| 29 | Joseph Martinez | So. | P/OF | L/L | 5-11 | 175 | Bronx, N.Y./Leadership Institute |
| 31 | Rob Keidel | Fr. | C | R/R | 5-10 | 210 | Valley Stream, N.Y./Kellenberg Memorial |
| 33 | Daniel Kmiechick | Jr. | P | R/R | 6-1 | 180 | Barnegat, N.J./Ocean County College |
| 34 | Kyle Soules | Fr. | P | R/R | 5-8 | 228 | Wallingford, Conn./Sheehan |
| 36 | Zairis Fernandez | Fr. | P/C | R/R | 6-0 | 269 | Winsted, Conn./The Gilbert School |
| 44 | Pete Somers | Fr. | C/3B | R/R | 6-2 | 215 | East Haven, Conn./East Haven |
| 55 | Jeff Piscitelli | Jr. | P | R/R | 5-11 | 260 | Wallingford, Conn./St. Peter's College |

**Head Coach:** Brian Leighton (Eighth Season – Eastern Connecticut State '03)

**Assistant Coaches:** Ron Swierbitowicz (Third Season)

**Pitching Coach:** BJ Senna (First Season)

RECORD: 1-6

**Assistant Coach:** Peter Rogan (First Season)

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| 34 | Sean Ahern | FR | P | 6-5 | 250 | Westfield |
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3/23/2012

# Westfield State Rallies To Defeat Elms, 7-3

Freshman third baseman Jeremy Tanguay was 4 for 4 and delivered the game-winning hit, an RBI double in a four-run seventh-inning uprising, as Westfield State University rallied a 7-3 victory over Elms College on Tuesday, March 20.

The Owls improved their record to 5-6 following the nonconference victory; they host Albertus Magnus College in the second game of an eight-game homestand on Thursday, March 22 at 3:30. Elms drops to 4-9.

Trailing 3-2 the Owls scored their four seventh-inning runs on four hits and two Elms errors. With two outs and the bases empty, freshman designated hitter Nick Champeau continued his hot hitting by singling through the left side.

Senior first baseman Josh Blair blasted a double to left-center and Champeau scampered home with the game-tying run when the shortstop bobbled the relay throw.

Tanguay then ripped his game-winning hit, a double down the leftfield line. Tanguay boosted his batting average to .565 (13 for 23) following the perfect day at the plate.

Freshman pinch hitter Dan Rokitowski drove in two insurance runs when he smacked a single to centerfield for a 6-3 lead. Westfield scored its final run in the eighth when freshman leftfielder Mike Molta doubled to the leftfield warning track and scored on a single by junior catcher Andrew Medeiros.

Tanguay, Blair and Champeau teamed up for nine of Westfield's hit. The 6-4, 245-pound Blair also had a big day; he was 3 for 4 with a triple, double and two runs scored. Champeau was 2 for 5 with a double.

Elms scored all of its runs in the second inning. The Blazers collected four of their seven hits in the third frame, including a two-run single by Alex King (Lebanon, Conn.).

Westfield scored two unearned runs in the fourth inning on two hits and two Elms errors.

Donny Morse (Alfred, Maine) was the only player with multiple hits for Elms; he was 2 for 4 with a double.

Westfield starting pitcher Aaron Messier was credited with the victory. He allowed seven hits and three walks and struck out five in seven complete innings. Pitching an inning of hitless relief were Kevin Zyrkowski and Curt Everett.

The Owls defense turned three double plays, including a 6-4-3 twin killing that got them out of a bases loaded jam in the fifth.

Freshman pitcher Geoffrey Frost (Ludlow) pitched seven innings to suffered the setback. He allowed 10 hits, one earned run and two walks with no strikeouts.

photo by Matt Jardin

Nick Champeau scores the game-tying run in the seventh inning.

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# BASEBALL

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## Western Connecticut State University
## vs. Westfield State University

**Tuesday, March 27, 2012**
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## Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference
## Baseball Standings (Through Games Played of March 25, 2012)

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | GP | W | L | Pct. | GP | W | L | Pct. | Streak |
| Salem State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 16 | 11 | 5 | .688 | Lost 1 |
| Massachusetts Maritime | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 10 | 6 | 4 | .600 | Won 1 |
| Framingham State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 15 | 8 | 7 | .533 | Won 3 |
| MCLA | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 15 | 8 | 7 | .533 | Won 2 |
| Bridgewater State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 17 | 8 | 9 | .471 | Won 1 |
| Westfield State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 13 | 6 | 7 | .462 | Lost 1 |
| Worcester State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 14 | 4 | 10 | .286 | Lost 2 |
| Fitchburg State | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 12 | 2 | 10 | .167 | Lost 2 |

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# 2012 Western Connecticut State University Baseball Roster

| No. | Name | Yr. | Pos. | Hgt. | Wgt. | B/T | Hometown/High School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Chris Alberto | Jr. | SS | 5-10 | 210 | R/R | Trumbull, CT/Notre Dame Fairfield |
| 3 | Matt Rosbrough | Jr. | C | 5-10 | 174 | R/R | Ansonia, CT/Ansonia |
| 4 | Mike Yates | Sr. | OF | 5-11 | 195 | R/R | Guilford, CT/Guilford |
| 5 | Jeff John | So. | 2B | 5-7 | 160 | R/R | Trumbull, CT/Trumbull |
| 6 | Lucas Rasado | Fr. | RHP/IF | 6-2 | 195 | R/R | Trumbull, CT/Fairfield Prep |
| 7 | John Kelly | Fr. | OF | 5-10 | 180 | R/R | Stratford, CT/Bunnell |
| 8 | Bill Eannotti | Jr. | 3B | 6-2 | 255 | R/R | Shelton, CT/Notre Dame-Fairfield |
| 9 | Kyle Savo | Sr. | OF/DH | 5-10 | 195 | L/R | West Haven, CT/Notre Dame WH |
| 10 | Zack Dandrea | Sr. | 2B | 5-11 | 200 | R/R | Wanaque, NJ/DePaul Catholic |
| 11 | C. J. Sousa | Fr. | RHP | 6-1 | 185 | R/R | Danbury, CT/Immaculate |
| 12 | Bobby Coyne | So. | SS/RHP | 5-8 | 165 | R/R | Clinton, CT/The Morgan School |
| 13 | Zack Philippas | So. | RHP | 5-11 | 155 | R/R | Seymour, CT/St. Joseph |
| 14 | Nick Briatico | Fr. | RHP | 6-0 | 165 | R/R | Bristol, CT/Bristol Central |
| 15 | Austin Howard | So. | 1B | 6-0 | 200 | R/R | Bristol, CT/Bristol Central |
| 16 | Rob Valunas | Fr. | RHP | 5-10 | 195 | R/R | Oakville, CT/Watertown |
| 17 | Nick Vig | So. | RHP | 6-0 | 170 | R/R | Monroe, CT/Fairfield Prep. |
| 18 | Josh Vaghi | Sr. | LHP | 5-11 | 160 | L/L | Bethel, CT/Bethel |
| 19 | Xavier Ortiz | So. | 3B | 6-1 | 205 | R/R | Naugatuck, CT/Naugatuck |
| 20 | Tim Nelson | Sr. | 3B/1B | 6-0 | 180 | R/R | Manchester, CT/East Catholic |
| 21 | Scott Conetta | Fr. | OF | 6-1 | 200 | R/R | Garden City, NY/Garden City |
| 22 | Conor Bierfeldt | Jr. | P/OF | 6-2 | 205 | R/R | Torrington, CT/Torrington |
| 23 | David Simone | Sr. | C | 5-10 | 190 | L/R | Danbury, CT/Immaculate |
| 25 | James Russell | Fr. | OF | 5-9 | 175 | R/R | Darien, CT/Darien |
| 26 | John Fracker | So. | OF/LHP | 6-0 | 165 | L/L | Sandy Hook, CT/Newtown |
| 7 | Dave Alarcon | Sr. | RHP | 5-8 | 176 | R/R | Plymouth, CT/Terryville |
| 29 | Tim Giuliano | Sr. | RHP | 6-1 | 185 | R/R | Stamford, CT/Stamford |
| 31 | Alex Iannone | Fr. | LHP | 6-1 | 175 | L/L | East Hampton, CT/East Hampton |
| 32 | Chris Smith | Jr. | 1B/RHP | 6-4 | 265 | R/R | Monroe, CT/Notre Dame-Fairfield |
| 33 | Connor Nolan | So. | RHP | 6-3 | 200 | R/R | Shelton, CT/Shelton |
| 34 | Mike Juliano | Fr. | C | 6-1 | 170 | R/R | Guilford, CT/Guilford |
| 35 | Joe Fedak | Fr. | RHP | 6-1 | 220 | R/R | Sandy Hook, CT/Newtown |
| 37 | Derik Brady | Fr. | RHP | 6-2 | 196 | R/R | New Milford, CT/New Milford |
| 44 | Zack Taylor | Fr. | LHP | 5-11 | 175 | L/L | Bethel, CT/Bethel |

Head Coach: 1- John Susi (13th Season)

Assistants: 36-Bill Walton, 43-Chris Arconti, 24-Matt Perper, 47-Scott Tonucci, 28-Bryan Fogelstrom and 61 Don Gehring

RECORD: 6-9

# 2012 Westfield State University Baseball Roster

| NO | NAME | YEAR | POS | HT | WT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bobby Wagner | FR | IF | 6-0 | 170 | Mongaup Valley, NY (Monticello) |
| 3 | Tommy Nowlan | FR | P | 6-0 | 160 | Williamstown (Mount Greylock) |
| 4 | Aaron Messier *** | SR | P | 5-10 | 190 | New Bedford |
| 5 | Kevin Zyrkowski * | SO | P | 6-0 | 165 | Hingham |
| 6 | Matt Kelly *** | SR | SS | 6-2 | 175 | Weymouth (Boston College High) |
| 7 | Dustin Mocadlo | FR | OF | 5-10 | 155 | Ellington, CT |
| 8 | Jordan Shoubash | FR | P | 6-2 | 187 | Bow, NH |
| 9 | Kyle Colesanti * | SO | IF | 5-8 | 165 | Mount Kisco, NY (Fox Lane) |
| 10 | Alex Cloutier ** | JR | OF | 6-0 | 160 | Westford (Westford Academy) |
| 11 | Roman Mondalto * | SR | P | 5-11 | 205 | Amesbury |
| 12 | Tim Heintz ** | JR | IF | 5-10 | 182 | Ellington, CT |
| 13 | Mike Molta | FR | 3B/OF | 6-0 | 170 | Nantucket |
| 14 | Dan Rokitowski | FR | 1B | 5-8 | 168 | Wappingers Falls, NY (Roy C Ketcham) |
| 15 | Pat McWilliams | FR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Duxbury |
| 17 | Justin Roethlingshoefer | SR | C | 5-10 | 185 | Edmonton, AB (St. Francis Xavier Academy) |
| 18 | Connor Buckley ** | JR | P | 6-1 | 180 | Acton (Acton-Boxborough Regional) |
| 19 | Andrew Medeiros ** | JR | C | 6-1 | 195 | Acushnet (New Bedford) |
| 20 | Tommy Carroll * | SO | P | 6-2 | 190 | Shelton, CT |
| 21 | Curt Everett ** | SR | P | 5-11 | 190 | Lexington |
| 22 | Kevin Greene * | JR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Worcester (Holy Name) |
| 23 | Victor Martinez | SO | OF | 5-11 | 165 | Boston (South Boston/Excel) |
| 24 | Josh Blair ** | SR | 1B | 6-4 | 245 | Westfield |
| 25 | Mike Sullivan * | SO | P | 6-0 | 180 | East Sandwich (Sandwich) |
| 26 | Bret Siflinger ** | JR | P | 6-2 | 210 | Framingham |
| 27 | Jeremy Tanguay | FR | IF | 5-10 | 165 | Huntington (Gateway Regional) |
| 28 | Drew Dunn * | SO | C | 6-2 | 205 | Nashua, NH (Nashua South) |
| 30 | Nick Champeau | FR | OF/C | 5-7 | 195 | Southbridge (Tantasqua) |
| 31 | Kyle Canole | FR | P | 6-5 | 220 | Milford |
| 33 | Dale Crispin * | JR | 3B/C | 6-1 | 205 | Stoneham (Bishop Fenwick) |
| 34 | Sean Ahern | FR | P | 6-5 | 250 | Westfield |
| 35 | Tim Santilli | FR | 1B | 6-3 | 205 | Southbridge (Tantasqua) |

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# BASEBALL

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| MCLA | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 8-8 | 0.500 | 80 | 95 | 5-5 | Lost 1 |
| Bridgewater St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 9-10 | 0.474 | 99 | 86 | 3-7 | Won 1 |
| Westfield St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 7-8 | 0.467 | 75 | 75 | 5-5 | Won 1 |
| Worcester St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 4-13 | 0.235 | 79 | 143 | 2-8 | Lost 5 |
| Fitchburg St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 3-12 | 0.200 | 81 | 123 | 3-7 | Lost 1 |

## MASCAC Baseball Player of the Week

**Kyle McElroy, Salem State (So., OF, Newburyport, Mass.)** -- Batted .522 (12-23) with six runs scored and nine RBI in 3-2 week for Vikings, including four hits and three RBI in 14-11 victory over Endicott to go with three safeties and pair of RBI in 9-4 setback to Bates.

## MASCAC Baseball Pitcher of the Week

**Mario Padovani, Salem State (Sr., P, Lynnfield, Mass.)** -- Allowed one base runner on safety and fanned eight over six innings of work in Vikings' 20-0 victory over Norwich.

## MASCAC Baseball Weekly Honor Roll

**Sean Riley, Bridgewater State (Jr., 2B, Fairhaven, Mass.)** -- Batted .471 (8-17) with triple, two homers, four doubles, seven runs scored and eight RBI in 2-2 week for Bears, including three extra base hits, five runs and six RBI in 19-4 victory at Brandeis.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | David Ruggiero | IF | Fr. | 5-5 | 165 | R/R | Peabody, MA/Bishop Fenwick |
| 3 | Sam Duford* | IF | Jr. | 5-10 | 185 | L/R | Dighton, MA/Dighton Rehoboth |
| 5 | Dan Ubele | IF | So. | 6-0 | 165 | R/R | Tyngsboro, MA/Tyngsboro |
| 6 | Derek Cole* | LHP/OF | So. | 5-10 | 170 | L/L | Billerica, MA/Billerica |
| 7 | Nick Gezotis* | IF | Jr. | 5-9 | 185 | R/R | Westfield, MA/Westfield |
| 8 | Cory Loomer | OF | So. | 6-0 | 190 | R/L | Shrewsbury, MA/St. John's |
| 9 | Brian O'Connor | OF | Fr. | 6-1 | 175 | R/R | W. Boylston, MA/St. Peter-Marian |
| 10 | Joe Perlak | IF/RHP | Fr. | 6-3 | 200 | L/R | Chicopee, MA/Chicopee |
| 11 | Zachary George | IF | Fr. | 5-11 | 190 | R/R | Attleboro, MA/Attleboro |
| 12 | Alex Teal | RHP | Jr. | 6-2 | 175 | R/R | Malden, MA/Malden |
| 13 | Zachary Levine | RHP | Fr. | 5-10 | 150 | R/R | Attleboro, MA/Attleboro |
| 14 | Nicholas Gikas | IF | Fr. | 5-9 | 185 | L/R | Danvers, MA/Danvers |
| 17 | Cody Osburn | LHP/OF | Fr. | 6-2 | 190 | R/L | Fair Oaks, CA/Gilmour Academy |
| 18 | Stephen Bonner | IF | So. | 6-0 | 190 | R/R | Millbury, MA/Millbury |
| 19 | Joey Tower* | RHP | So. | 5-8 | 150 | R/R | Hudson, MA/Hudson |
| 20 | JD Salinas* | IF/OF | Fr. | 5-8 | 170 | R/R | Fredericksburg, TX/Our Lady of Hills Cath |
| 22 | Joe Piscitelli* | RHP | Jr. | 6-5 | 205 | R/R | Oxford, MA/Oxford |
| 23^ | Joseph Carlier | C | So. | 6-0 | 200 | R/R | Rockland, MA/Rockland |
| 24 | DJ Colbert | IF/LHP | Fr. | 5-11 | 190 | L/L | Somersworth, NH/Somersworth |
| 26 | Kurt Sabacinski* | C/UTL | Jr. | 6-2 | 200 | R/R | Worcester, MA/St. Peter-Marian |
| 33 | Jared Kuzio | RHP | Fr. | 6-2 | 185 | R/R | Franklin, MA/Franklin |
| 34 | Nick Bonofiglio* | LHP/IF | Jr. | 6-3 | 210 | L/L | Worcester, MA/Holy Name |
| 37 | Jeff Bolio | OF | Fr. | 6-1 | 190 | L/L | Oxford, MA/Oxford |
| 38 | Kyle St. Thomas* | RHP | Sr. | 5-10 | 195 | R/R | Bridgewater, MA/Bridgewater-Raynham |
| 40 | Michael Ivas | OF | Fr. | 6-1 | 175 | L/L | Princeton, MA/Holy Name |
| 44 | Jack Rafferty* | C/OF | Sr. | 6-1 | 200 | L/R | Thompson, CT/Tourtellotte |
| 45 | Eric Perez | RHP | Fr. | 6-2 | 190 | R/R | Springfield, MA/Central |
| 46 | Clayton Fahey | IF | Fr. | 5-9 | 155 | R/R | E. Brookfield, MA/David Prouty |

*10 veterans

**Head Coach:** #43 Dr. Dirk Baker (17th season)
**Assistant Coaches:** #28 Dave Wigren (Hitting), #42 Neil Portnoy (Pitching), #29 Jeff LaHair and #27 Peter Fenuccio
**Captain**: Jack Rafferty
**Head Athletic Trainer**: Jessica Meany
**Assistant Athletic Trainer:** Kevin MacLennan
**Trainers:** Jarrett Sorge and Jeff Cullen

^**Note:** When at home #23 Joseph Carlier will wear #18

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| Salem St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 7-3 |
| Westfield St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 5-5 |
| Framingham St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 3-7 |
| Worcester St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2-7 |
| MCLA | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 2-10 |
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| Mass. Maritime | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0-4 |

### MASCAC Softball Player Of the Week

**Jennifer Shaw, Bridgewater State (Jr., 3B, Brockton, Mass.)** -- Batted .529 (18-34) with four doubles, six homers, eight runs scored and 23 RBI in 10-2 week for Bears, including pair of homers and career-high eight RBI in 12-4 win over Penn State-Behrend to go with four hits and four RBI in 8-1 triumph over Rockford.

### MASCAC Softball Pitcher Of the Week

**Katelynn Fanning, Salem State (Sr., P, East Boston, Mass.)** -- Posted 3-1 mark with save and 1.42 ERA in 7-3 week for Vikings, striking out 36 while allowing just 15 hits in 29 2/3 innings of work.

### MASCAC Softball Weekly Honor Roll

**Meghan Dunn, Bridgewater State (Jr., P, Colchcester, Conn.)** -- Posted 5-1 mark with save and 1.89 ERA in 10-2 week for Bears, fanning 30 in 37 innings of work that featured complete-game seven-hitter and with six strikeouts in 3-0 win over Dominican.

**Taylor Ezold, Framingham State (Jr., OF, Westfield, Mass.)** -- Batted .333 (10-30) with double, homer and four RBI in 3-7 week for Rams

**Kayla Koumjian, MCLA (Sr., C, Watervliet, N.Y.)** -- Batted. 360 (9-25) with three RBI and five runs scored in 2-10 week for Trailblazers, including three hits in 8-3 win over North Park to go with two hits and two RBI in 8-1 triumph over RIT.

**Janelle Beaulieu, Massachusetts Maritime (Jr., SS/P, Buzzards Bay, Mass.)** -- Collected three hits at plate and fanned three in complete-game nightcap effort in Buccaneers' twinbill setback to Lyndon State

**Jenn Toussaint, Salem State (Fr., 3B, Reading, Mass.)** -- Batted .433 (13-30) with double, three homers and 10 RBI in 7-3 week for Vikings, including homer and two runs scored in 11-1 victory over Wisconsin Lutheran.

**Courtney Begin, Westfield State (Jr., OF, Salem, Mass.)** -- Batted .333 (9-27) with two doubles, two triples, three stolen bases and four RBI in 4-4 week for Owls, including pair of triples and two RBI in 9-4 triumph over Manhattanville

**Madeline Tomich, Westfield State (Sr., P, Alford, Mass.)** -- Posted 3-1 mark with 2.33 ERA and 43 strikeouts in 30 innings in 4-4 week for Owls, including 13 strikeouts each in wins over Franklin & Marshall (4-2), Saint Joseph (Conn.) (4-0) and Macalester (6-5)

**Erica Cordio, Worcester State (Sr., SS, Leominster, Mass.)** -- Collected two hits and four RBI in Lancers' 12-2 win over Smith

**Hannah Everson, Worcester State (Jr., P, Methuen, Mass.)** -- Fanned seven in Lancers' 3-2 setback to Amherst

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# SOFTBALL

*SENIORS: Kerin DeGirolamo, Madeline Tomich, Lisa Policelli*

## Elms College
## at Westfield State
## March 22, 2012

# 2012 Westfield State University Softball Roster

| NO. | NAME | CL | POS | HT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kelly Kenney | FR | OF | 4-11 | Suffield, CT |
| 2 | Kelley Fluet * | SO | P | 5-6 | Worcester (Doherty Memorial) |
| 3 | Madeline Tomich *** | SR | P | 5-6 | Alford (Mt. Everett) |
| 4 | Sarah Pliszka | SO | SS/1B | 5-7 | Enfield, CT |
| 5 | Kat Robinson | FR | UT | 5-2 | East Hampton, CT |
| 6 | Molly Dunbar * | SO | OF | 5-4 | Weymouth (Notre Dame Academy) |
| 7 | Caitlyn Kadlik | FR | P | 5-3 | Ashland |
| 8 | Kerin DeGirolamo *** | SR | OF | 5-8 | North Attleboro (Bishop Feehan) |
| 9 | Lisa Policelli *** | SR | OF | 5-5 | Tewksbury (Central Catholic) |
| 10 | Courtney Begin ** | JR | OF | 5-4 | Salem (Bishop Fenwick) |
| 11 | Kerry Alcott * | SO | P | 5-7 | Groton (Groton-Dunstable) |
| 12 | Katie Moore * | SO | 2B | 5-2 | Tewksbury |
| 13 | Amanda Flower | SO | C/2B | 5-9 | Reading |
| 14 | Vicki Hill | FR | 3B | 5-2 | West Springfield |
| 16 | Breanne Bisceglia | FR | SS | 5-3 | Worcester (Burncoat) |
| 17 | Emily Mailloux | FR | P | 5-3 | Erving (Turners Falls) |
| 19 | Brittany Dussault ** | JR | C | 5-8 | Chicopee (Comp) |
| 20 | Bri Eichstaedt * | SO | SS | 5-3 | Southampton (Hampshire Regional) |
| 21 | Kelsey Carpenter | FR | SS/OF | 5-8 | Barre (Quabbin Regional) |
| 22 | Celina Sinico | FR | C/UT | 5-6 | Great Barrington (Mt. Everett) |

*** - Years Played at Westfield State Prior to 2012** **RECORD: 5-5**

**Head Coach: Lindsay Sawyer (1st Year)**

**Assistant Coaches: Ken Haar (14th year); Katie Gorman (3rd year); Alicia Gardner (1st Year)**

**Captain: Madeline Tomich** **Student Manager: Hannah Pitman**

# 2012 Elms College Softball Roster

| # | Name | Pos. | B/T | Yr. | High School | Hometown |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Elizabeth Patient | P | R/R | Fr. | Holy Name Central Catholic | Leicester, Mass. |
| 3 | Leah Spring | OF | L/L | Jr. | South Hadley | South Hadley, Mass. |
| 4 | Amanda Alvarado | SS | R/R | Sr. | Sabis International | Springfield, Mass. |
| 7 | Kellie McLaughlin | OF | R/R | So. | Taconic | Pittsfield, Mass. |
| 8 | Jen Killion | OF | R/R | Sr. | Mount Saint Joseph | Cambridge, Mass. |
| 9 | Katie Cruz | OF | R/R | Fr. | Shrewsbury | Shrewsbury, Mass. |
| 10 | Alexandra Bonavita | 2B | R/R | Jr. | Agawam | Agawam, Mass. |
| 11 | Courtney Hampton | P/1B | R/R | Sr. | Westfield | Westfield, Mass. |
| 13 | Ashley Reid | OF | L/R | Fr. | Enrico Fermi | Enfield, Conn. |
| 15 | Caitlee Carrier | 3B | R/R | So. | Mount Saint Joseph | Charlestown, Mass. |
| 16 | Alyson Santerre | P/1B | R/R | Fr. | Tourtellotte Memorial | Thompson, Conn. |
| 17 | Ally Witaszek | 1B | L/L | So. | Agawam | Feeding Hills, Mass. |
| 18 | Sarah Buckley | C | R/R | Jr. | Minnechaug Regional | Wilbraham, Mass. |
| 20 | Gina DiGiovanni | SS | R/R | Fr. | Cathedral | Springfield, Mass. |
| 21 | Abby Capone | 2B | R/R | So. | Fitchburg | Fitchburg, Mass. |
| 23 | Rachel Beery | C | R/R | Fr. | Cathedral | Springfield, Mass. |
| 25 | Gianna Gonyea | 3B/C | R/R | Fr. | East Longmeadow | East Longmeadow, Mass. |
| 27 | Hayley Zisk | C | R/R | So. | Narragansett Regional | Baldwinville, Mass. |

**Head Coach: Cheryl R. Condon (26th season, Westfield State University '79)**

**Assistant Coach: Ally Fox** **RECORD: 3-7**

**Volunteer Assistants: Destinee Meeker, Jenna Lipscomb**

# BASEBALL

Westfield State University CAPTAINS, left to right: Matt Kelly, Josh Blair, Aaron Messier.

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## Springfield College
## vs. Westfield State University

**Thursday, March 29, 2012**
**Alumni Field**
**Westfield, Mass.**

# Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

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| | Conference | | | | | Overall | | | | | | |
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| | GP | Record | Win % | PF | PA | GP | Record | Win % | PF | PA | Last 10 | Streak |
| Salem St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 12-5 | 0.706 | 135 | 101 | 6-4 | Won 1 |
| Mass. Maritime | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 6-4 | 0.600 | 56 | 33 | 6-4 | Won 1 |
| Framingham St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 9-7 | 0.562 | 82 | 84 | 8-2 | Won 4 |
| MCLA | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 8-7 | 0.533 | 79 | 86 | 5-5 | Won 2 |
| Bridgewater St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 8-10 | 0.444 | 94 | 84 | 3-7 | Lost 1 |
| Westfield St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 6-8 | 0.429 | 68 | 70 | 4-6 | Lost 2 |
| Worcester St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 4-12 | 0.250 | 77 | 134 | 2-8 | Lost 4 |
| Fitchburg St. | 0 | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 3-11 | 0.214 | 73 | 114 | 3-7 | Won 1 |

## MASCAC Baseball Player of the Week

**Kyle McElroy, Salem State (So., OF, Newburyport, Mass.)** -- Batted .522 (12-23) with six runs scored and nine RBI in 3-2 week for Vikings, including four hits and three RBI in 14-11 victory over Endicott to go with three safeties and pair of RBI in 9-4 setback to Bates.

## MASCAC Baseball Pitcher of the Week

**Mario Padovani, Salem State (Sr., P, Lynnfield, Mass.)** -- Allowed one base runner on safety and fanned eight over six innings of work in Vikings' 20-0 victory over Norwich.

## MASCAC Baseball Weekly Honor Roll

**Sean Riley, Bridgewater State (Jr., 2B, Fairhaven, Mass.)** -- Batted .471 (8-17) with triple, two homers, four doubles, seven runs scored and eight RBI in 2-2 week for Bears, including three extra base hits, five runs and six RBI in 19-4 victory at Brandeis.

**Zachary Bombria, Fitchburg State (Jr., P, Bolton, Conn.)** -- Tossed 7. 1 relief innings and fanned six to earn win in Falcons' 11-8 triumph over Newbury

**Patrick McMahon, Fitchburg State (So., SS, South Windsor, Conn.)** -- Batted .333 (6-18) with double and six runs scored in 1-3 week for Falcons, including three hits in 11-8 victory over Newbury.

**Pedro Acevedo, Framingham State (Sr., OF, Fall River, Mass.)** -- Batted 643 (9-14) with two doubles, four runs and four RBI in 3-2 week for Rams, including three hits and pair of RBI in 2-1 victory at UMass Boston.

**Matt DiCato, Framingham State (So., P, Winthrop, Mass.)** -- Tossed 5.2 scoreless innings and struck out four in Rams' 5-0 win at UMass Boston.

**Ross Miner, MCLA (So., P, Greenfield, Mass.)** -- Tossed complete-game three hitter and fanned five in Trailblazers' 5-1 victory at Emerson.

**Ben Maher, Massachusetts Maritime (So., 3B, Plymouth, Mass.)** -- Batted .429 (6-14) with double and five RBI in 2-2 week for Buccaneers, including three RBI in twinbill split with Lasell.

**Thomas Notarangelo, Massachusetts Maritime (Fr., P, Foxboro, Mass.)** -- Recorded first collegiate victory in allowing two hits in Buccaneers' 5-0 triumph over Lasell

**Bret Siflinger, Westfield State (Jr., P, Framingham, Mass.)** -- Fanned 10 over eight innings of work in Owls' 9-3 victory over Elms

**Jeremy Tanguay, Westfield State (Fr., 3B, Huntington, Mass.)** -- Batted .636 (7-11) with three doubles, two runs scored and two RBI in 2-1 week for Owls, including four hits in 7-3 win over Elms to go with two hits in 8-3 setback to Wheaton.

**Nick Gezotis, Worcester State (Jr., 2B, Westfield, Mass.)** -- Batted .667 (10-15) with four doubles, four runs scored and five RBI in 2-4 week for Lancers, including three doubles and five RBI in 8-3, 8-4 sweep of Southern Maine

# 2012 Springfield College Baseball Roster

| No. | Name | Cl. | Pos. | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown/Previous School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ryan Gower | So. | OF | R/R | 5-7 | 160 | Barrington, R.I./Barrington |
| 2 | Mike Corletta | Sr. | INF | R/R | 5-9 | 160 | Westtown, N.Y./Minisink Valley |
| 3 | Steve Starr | Fr. | OF | L/R | 6-1 | 190 | Lebanon, Conn./Lyman Memorial |
| 4 | Tom Burke | Jr. | INF | R/R | 5-8 | 160 | Billerica, Mass./Roger Williams |
| 5 | Kyle DiFranco | Jr. | OF | L/L | 5-9 | 210 | E. Longmeadow, Mass./E. Longmeadow |
| 6 | Sean Smith | So. | C | R/R | 5-8 | 170 | Broken Arrow, Okla./Bishop Kelley |
| 7 | Mike McGowan | So. | LHP/1B | L/L | 6-3 | 200 | Franklin, Mass./Franklin |
| 8 | Frank Calabrese | So. | INF | R/R | 6-0 | 190 | E. Longmeadow, Mass./E. Longmeadow |
| 9 | Kyle Schilling | Fr. | RHP | R/R | 5-6 | 170 | Andover, Conn./RHAM |
| 10 | Shane O'Leary | Fr. | INF | R/R | 5-11 | 160 | Kings Park, N.Y./Kings Park |
| 11 | Jared Hopkins | So. | INF | R/R | 5-9 | 175 | Cranston, R.I./La Salle Academy |
| 12 | Daniel Jones | Sr. | RHP | R/R | 6-3 | 175 | Mechanicville, N.Y./Mechanicville |
| 13 | Mike DeMille | Fr. | RHP | R/R | 6-1 | 175 | East Milton, Mass./Milton |
| 14 | Travis Lane | So. | RHP | R/R | 5-11 | 165 | Canton, Conn. /Canton |
| 15 | Alex Williams | So. | RHP | R/R | 6-1 | 155 | E. Hartford, Conn./E. Hartford |
| 16 | Matt Milano | Jr. | C | R/R | 5-10 | 185 | Cumberland, R.I./Cumberland |
| 19 | Craig Zysk | Sr. | RHP | R/R | 5-9 | 175 | Shelton, Conn./St. Joseph's |
| 20 | Jon Medici | So. | LHP | L/L | 6-0 | 185 | S. Portland, Maine/S. Portland |
| 21 | Karl Quist | Sr. | INF | L/R | 6-1 | 200 | New Preston, Conn./Shepaug Valley |
| 22 | Mike Tanguay | Gr. | C/OF | R/R | 6-1 | 220 | Westbrook, Maine/Franklin Pierce |
| 23 | Adam DeFelice | Sr. | LHP | L/L | 5-8 | 175 | Avon, Conn./Avon |
| 25 | Greg Marakovits | Sr. | RHP | R/R | 6-1 | 195 | Rocky Hill, Conn./Stonehill |
| 27 | Eric Chase | So. | RHP | R/R | 6-2 | 180 | Vernon, Conn./Mount Saint Mary |
| 28 | Tyler Benoit | Fr. | RHP | R/R | 6-2 | 240 | North Adams, Mass./Drury |

**RECORD: 8-5**

**Head Coach: Mark Simeone (16th season -- Springfield '87, G '96)**
**Assistant Coaches: Colin Drury, Luke Gabordi, Joe Kropa**
**Captains: Adam DeFelice, Mike Tanguay**

# 2012 Westfield State University Baseball Roster

| NO | NAME | YEAR | POS | HT | WT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bobby Wagner | FR | IF | 6-0 | 170 | Mongaup Valley, NY (Monticello) |
| 3 | Tommy Nowlan | FR | P | 6-0 | 160 | Williamstown (Mount Greylock) |
| 4 | Aaron Messier *** | SR | P | 5-10 | 190 | New Bedford |
| 5 | Kevin Zyrkowski * | SO | P | 6-0 | 165 | Hingham |
| 6 | Matt Kelly *** | SR | SS | 6-2 | 175 | Weymouth (Boston College High) |
| 7 | Dustin Mocadlo | FR | OF | 5-10 | 155 | Ellington, CT |
| 8 | Jordan Shoubash | FR | P | 6-2 | 187 | Bow, NH |
| 9 | Kyle Colesanti * | SO | IF | 5-8 | 165 | Mount Kisco, NY (Fox Lane) |
| 10 | Alex Cloutier ** | JR | OF | 6-0 | 160 | Westford (Westford Academy) |
| 11 | Roman Mondalto * | SR | P | 5-11 | 205 | Amesbury |
| 12 | Tim Heintz ** | JR | IF | 5-10 | 182 | Ellington, CT |
| 13 | Mike Molta | FR | 3B/OF | 6-0 | 170 | Nantucket |
| 14 | Dan Rokitowski | FR | 1B | 5-8 | 168 | Wappingers Falls, NY (Roy C Ketcham) |
| 15 | Pat McWilliams | FR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Duxbury |
| 17 | Justin Roethlingshoefer | SR | C | 5-10 | 185 | Edmonton, AB (St. Francis Xavier Academy) |
| 18 | Connor Buckley ** | JR | P | 6-1 | 180 | Acton (Acton-Boxborough Regional) |
| 19 | Andrew Medeiros ** | JR | C | 6-1 | 195 | Acushnet (New Bedford) |
| 20 | Tommy Carroll * | SO | P | 6-2 | 190 | Shelton, CT |
| 21 | Curt Everett ** | SR | P | 5-11 | 190 | Lexington |
| 22 | Kevin Greene * | JR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Worcester (Holy Name) |
| 23 | Victor Martinez | SO | OF | 5-11 | 165 | Boston (South Boston/Excel) |
| 24 | Josh Blair ** | SR | 1B | 6-4 | 245 | Westfield |
| 25 | Mike Sullivan * | SO | P | 6-0 | 180 | East Sandwich (Sandwich) |
| 26 | Bret Siflinger ** | JR | P | 6-2 | 210 | Framingham |
| 27 | Jeremy Tanguay | FR | IF | 5-10 | 165 | Huntington (Gateway Regional) |
| 28 | Drew Dunn * | SO | C | 6-2 | 205 | Nashua, NH (Nashua South) |
| 30 | Nick Champeau | FR | OF/C | 5-7 | 195 | Southbridge (Tantasqua) |
| 31 | Kyle Canole | FR | P | 6-5 | 220 | Milford |
| 33 | Dale Crispin * | JR | 3B/C | 6-1 | 205 | Stoneham (Bishop Fenwick) |
| 34 | Sean Ahern | FR | P | 6-5 | 250 | Westfield |
| 35 | Tim Santilli | FR | 1B | 6-3 | 205 | Southbridge (Tantasqua) |

*** - Years Played at Westfield State Before This Season** **RECORD: 6-8**

**Head Coach: Ray Arra (No. 32), 8th Year**
**Assistant Coaches: Fred Perry (No. 36), 8th Year; Steve Burndrett (16), 3rd year; Ben Wagner (No. 2), 2nd year: Mark Bonavita (No. 29), 2nd year**
**Volunteer Assistant: Pete Hogan**
**Captains: Josh Blair, Matt Kelly, Aaron Messier**

**Bats Left/Throws Left: Kevin Greene, Roman Mondalto, Dustin Mocadlo, Dan Rokitowski, Victor Martinez**
**Bats Left/Throws Right: Curt Everett, Tim Santilli**

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*Freshman starter Mike Molta pitched five solid innings, allowing one earned runs and four hits and striking out six.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

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# Owls Fall To Wheaton

WESTFIELD — Senior Dan Demeo (Glastonbury, Conn./Glastonbury) and junior Eric Jensen (Gorham, N.H./Gorham) each had two hits and drove in a pair of runs to lead the No. 10 nationally ranked Wheaton College baseball team to their 13th consecutive victory, an 8-3 triumph over Westfield State in non-conference action Sunday afternoon, March 25, at Alumni Field

Junior Sean Ryan (Norton, Mass./Norton) and senior Dan Haugh (Andover, Mass./St. John's Prep) also drove in two runs for the Lyons, who improved to 13-1 with the win. Freshman Apolinar De la Cruz (Providence, R.I./Classical) extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a first-inning single.

The Owls (6-7) took an early 1-0 lead on an RBI double by senior Josh Blair (Westfield, Mass./Westfield) in the first. Wheaton answered with a pair of runs in the third to take a 2-1 lead. Jensen singled to right field to plate Demeo with the Lyons first run, and Ryan grounded into a force out to bring in freshman Kevin Foley (Southbury, Conn./Pomperaug).

In the fifth, senior Hal Landers (Salem, N.H./Salem) reached on an error to open the inning and scored on Jensen's second run-scoring single of the game to give Wheaton a 3-1 lead. After Jensen stole both second and third base, Haugh's grounder to second brought home Jensen.

Westfield struck for a pair of runs in the sixth to cut its deficit to 4-3. Junior Andrew Medeiros (Acushnet, Mass./New Bedford) delivered an RBI single, followed by a run-scoring double by freshman Jeremy Tanguay (Huntington, Mass./Gateway Regional). Wheaton got those runs back in the eighth on a bases-loaded single by Ryan and a sac fly by Haugh. Demeo laced a two-run double in the ninth to cap the scoring.

Wheaton senior Nolan Corr (Somersworth, N.H./Saint Thomas Aquinas) improved to 2-0 with the victory. He worked 6.1 innings and allowed eight hits and three runs while striking out three.

Junior Jordan Wylie (Plymouth, Mass./Plymouth North) worked two scoreless innings in relief of Corr before sophomore Ryan Grant (Easton, Mass./Oliver Ames) recorded the final two outs of the game.

Freshman Mike Molta (Nantucket, Mass./Nantucket) was the hard-luck loser as he allowed four hits and one earned run in five innings of work. He walked two and struck out six.

Tanguay finished the afternoon 2-for-3 as he was the only Owl with multiple hits in their 10-hit attack.

The Lyons return to action on Tuesday when they head to Bridgewater State for a 3:00 p.m. contest. The Owls host Western Connecticut State Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

# Area stars align at Westfield State

## *Westfield, Gateway and Southwick all represented*

**By PETER FRANCIS**
***Intern***

WESTFIELD – It was a chilly morning last Saturday at Westfield State's Alumni Field, a far cry from the warm weather we were treated to earlier in the week.

In fact, the only warmth present on the diamond that morning were the arms of Westfield State players, most notably senior Josh Blair and freshmen Jeremy Tanguay, Mike Molta and Sean Ahern – four players who will likely decide the fate of an Owls team predicted to finish second in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference this season.

*L to R: Josh Blair, Jeremy Tanguay, Mike Molta, Sean Ahern* **(Photo submitted)**

"This team has the most talent and is one of deepest we've had since I've been here," Assistant Coach Fred Perry said in between hitting pop fly's for his outfielders. "We've got some freshmen who are really producing right now."

None more so than infielder Jeremy Tanguay of Huntington, who was leading the team in batting average (.533), while sitting second on the team in hits with 16, and tied for third on the team in total bases with 19.

The former Gateway Regional star has made quite a first impression in non-league play, most notably a masterful performance against regional foe Elms College of Chicopee, where he went 4 for 4, hitting an RBI double that would prove to be the game winner for the Owls.

While his stats indicate a well-rounded player that certainly had his fair share of suitors coming out of high school, Tanguay chose to remain close to home to continue his baseball career.

"Sometimes it feels like I never left home," the soft-spoken freshman said.

When asked what his biggest asset to the team was, Tanguay gave a response that has become the mantra for this upstart crew of Owl freshman.

"I work hard and play my game," Tanguay said. "The rest of the freshmen are doing that, too. Our chemistry is coming together."

Of the numerous freshmen who are working hard and playing their game, none is doing so with the versatility of Mike Molta, a multi-tool player who has done a little bit of everything for the squad.

Listed as a third-baseman/outfielder on the team website, Molta has also contributed to the Owl's pitching staff, starting two games on the mound for Westfield, in which he has struck out 15 and posted an earned run average of 0.82.

Almost as unique as Molta's game is his personal story.

Born in Springfield, Molta lived in Southwick till he was 5, when his family moved from the Westfield area to the island of Nantucket, where his father had a job.

"He was commuting from Southwick to the island for work everyday," Molta said. "It was hard for us, so we moved there when I was young."

Though Molta lived on the island and graduated from Nantucket High, his heart has always been in the Westfield area.

"When people were coming to the island for vacations, we would leave and go back to Southwick," Molta said, laughing at the irony. "It's my favorite place to be."

To compliment his skill on the mound, Molta has also posted a quality .938 fielding percentage, making him a valuable defensive piece to the Owl's MASCAC championship puzzle.

Rounding out the area diaper dandies is Sean Ahern, a 6'5" pitcher from Westfield High who has shown promise for the Owls in limited action so far in this young campaign.

Brought in from the bullpen during spring break in Florida, Ahern posted a 3.00 ERA, giving up two hits and striking out five batters in his lone performance.

When asked of his outlook on the season, the former Bomber gave an honest, positive assessment.

"Everyone cares on this team, our chemistry is great," Ahern said. "We're all working hard and playing our roles."

When asked of how he's working on his pitching, Ahern was quick to give credit to the veterans on the staff.

"I would definitely say that Mess (Aaron Messier) and Sif (Brett Siflinger) have really shown me how to work hard, in the gym and in practice."

Ahern also sang the praises of Westfield ace Roman Mondalto, a senior southpaw from Amesbury who turned in an All-MASCAC season last year, and whose repertoire of pitches includes a nifty cutter and a nasty slider, both of which he has been tutoring Ahern on this season.

While the freshmen have been getting lots of attention, one would be foolish not to acknowledge the presence of senior Josh Blair. He's been a pillar of consistency and leadership for the Owls the past two years, and was selected as a team captain this season, along with his babysitting duties in the infield for the plethora of freshman in Owl blue this season.

After spending his own freshman year at the University of Massachusetts, Blair transferred to Westfield to return to the varsity diamond under head coach Ray Arra, who has been an institution in Westfield baseball for decades.

When asked what would be needed to win this season, Blair gave a short and sweet reply.

"We need to win as a team," the 6'4" first baseman said, "We have a very young team, with lots of freshmen starting all over the field. But it's the fact that we have guys that are willing to play anywhere. That's huge for us."

Blair brings to the game a strong bat (.308 average with 12 hits and 6 RBI in the first 13 games), a good defensive presence (.976 fielding percentage) and great intelligence. (He's set to attend the New York Institute of Technology graduate school). Add it all up, and it appears that choosing Blair as a captain was among the easiest decisions Arra has had to make this season.

"Blair is going to have to give us a lot of RBIs this season," the veteran coach said. "He has developed a long way. He really has a great game."

In regards to the freshmen, the skipper gave a standard wily response.

"They'll decide how good they want to be," Arra said through a mouthful of sunflower seeds. "If they continue to progress, we'll have a very good season."

While anyone who is familiar with Coach Arra knows he is difficult to please, the Westfield State graduate ('65) has been very encouraged by the work ethic of his team.

"We had a day off a little while back, and the whole team came out for a workout," Arra said, "Work ethic is what separates good teams from great ones."

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*Josh Blair blasted a three-run homer in the fifth inning.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

# Western Connecticut tops Westfield

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Zack Dandrea was 2 for 3 with three runs scored and an RBI and Jeff John had three RBI, including a two-run homer, to lead Western Connecticut State University to a 10-4 non-conference baseball victory over Westfield State University on Tuesday, March 27.

Western Connecticut (7-9) only outhit Westfield (6-8) by a 6-4 count but the Colonials took advantage of 10 walks issued by Owl pitchers on the cold and blustery day.

The Colonials led 2-1 when they began pulling away by scoring two runs in the fourth and fourth in the fifth to take an 8-1 lead. Western's two fourth-inning runs were scored on an infield throwing error and a wild pitch.

The Colonials scored their four runs in the fifth frame on just two hits, a bloop RBI single by Dandrea and an RBI double by Conor Bierfeldt. Their final two fifth-inning runs came on a walk and a hit batter with the bases loaded.

Westfield cut the deficit to 8-4 fifth inning on a three-run homer by Josh Blair. But Western Connecticut responded with two insurance runs in the seventh on a two-run homer over the leftfield fence by the 5-7, 160-pound shortstop John.

Dandrea was the only player for either team with multiple hits. Westfield freshman first baseman Dan Rokitowski ripped an RBI double in the first inning. Mike Yates clubbed an RBI double to give the Colonials a 2-1 third-inning lead.

Two Zacks handled the pitching chores for Western. Zak Philippas hurled the first six innings (1 earned run, 3 hits, 7 walks, 4 strikeouts) for the victory. Zack Taylor allowed one hit in three effective innings of relief to earn the save.

Tommy Nowlan, the first of five Owl pitchers, was credited with the loss.

# BASEBALL

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Westfield State University CAPTAINS, left to right: Matt Kelly, Josh Blair, Aaron Messier.

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## Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Standings (Through Games Played of April 1, 2012)

| | Conference | | | | Overall | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Institution | GP | W | L | Pct. | GP | W | L | Pct. | Streak |
| Salem State | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 20 | 15 | 5 | .750 | Won 4 |
| Westfield State | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 | 9 | 8 | .529 | Won 3 |
| Framingham State | 2 | 1 | 1 | .500 | 19 | 11 | 8 | .579 | Lost 1 |
| Massachusetts Maritime | 2 | 1 | 1 | .500 | 13 | 7 | 6 | .538 | Won 1 |
| MCLA | 2 | 1 | 1 | .500 | 18 | 9 | 9 | .500 | Lost 1 |
| Bridgewater State | 2 | 1 | 1 | .500 | 21 | 10 | 11 | .476 | Won 1 |
| Worcester State | 2 | 0 | 2 | .000 | 19 | 4 | 15 | .211 | Lost 7 |
| Fitchburg State | 2 | 0 | 2 | .000 | 17 | 3 | 14 | .176 | Lost 3 |

## MASCAC Baseball Player of the Week

**Andrew Medeiros, Westfield State (Jr., C, Acushnet, Mass.)** -- Batted .454 (5-11) with homer, pair of doubles, two steals and five RBI in 3-1 week for Owls, including game-winning two-bagger in opener and three run homer in nightcap of 1-0, 6-1 sweep of Worcester State.

## MASCAC Baseball Pitcher of the Week

**Roman Mondalto, Westfield State (Sr., P, Amesbury, Mass.)** -- Fired complete-game one-hitter and struck out three while picking off pair of runners in Owls' 1-0 triumph over Worcester State.

## MASCAC Baseball Weekly Honor Roll

**John Garabedian, Bridgewater State (Jr., OF, Mansfield, Mass.)** -- Batted .400 (6-15) with double and three RBI in 2-2 week for Bears, including three hits in twinbill split at Framingham State.

**Andy Sadoski, Bridgewater State (So., P, Harwich, Mass.)** -- Went distance and fanned 10 in Bears' 5-2 win at Suffolk

**Tynan Flegg, Fitchburg State (Jr., P, Calgary, Alta.)** -- Allowed two earned runs and fanned five in Falcons' 4-3 eight inning setback to Salem State

**Chris Rivera, Fitchburg State (Jr., OF, New Britain, Conn.)** -- Batted .391 (9-23) with double, homer, four runs scored and six RBI in 1-4 week for Falcons, including four hits and four RBI in 9-8 11 inning setback at Curry

**Pedro Acevedo, Framingham State (Sr., OF, Fall River, Mass.)** -- Batted .467 (7-15) with three doubles and nine RBI in 3-1 week for Rams, including pair of two-baggers and six RBI in 12-9 victory at Salve Regina

**Matt DiCato, Framingham State (So., P, Winthrop, Mass.)** -- Tossed five-hitter and fanned five in Rams' 7-2 win over Bridgewater State.

**Daniel Gaines, MCLA (Sr., P, Holyoke, Mass.)** -- Allowed two earned runs and fanned six in Trailblazers' 5-3 win over Massachusetts Maritime.

**Cody Weaver, MCLA (So., 1B, Highland, N.Y.)** -- Collected four hits, including two doubles, in Trailblazers' split with Massachusetts Maritime.

**Bobby Rosano, Massachusetts Maritime (Fr., SS, North Reading, Mass.)** -- Collected five hits in Buccaneers' twinbill split at MCLA.

**Matt Burgess, Salem State (So., 1B, Kingston, Mass.)** -- Batted .583 (7-12) with double, triple and four RBI in 4-0 week for Vikings, including game-winning two-bagger in 4-3 eight inning triumph at Fitchburg State

**Matt Kerr, Salem State (Sr., P, East Freetown, Mass.)** -- Posted 2-0 mark with 1.93 ERA and 10 strikeouts in 4-0 week for Vikings, allowing two hits and fanning seven in 8-5 win over Brandeis and striking out three in 4-3 eight inning victory at Fitchburg State

**Nick Bonofiglio, Worcester State (Jr., P, Worcester, Mass.)** -- Fanned pair in allowing one run in Lancers' 1-0 setback at Westfield State

**Joe Carlier, Worcester State (So., C, Rockland, Mass.)** -- Batted .438 (7-16) in 0-5 week for Lancers, including four hits in 16-4 setback to Endicott

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## 2012 University of Massachusetts Boston Baseball

*(As of March 22, 2012)*

| No. | Name | Cl. | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | B/T | Hometown / High School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mark McCormack | Sr. | OF | 5-8 | 165 | L/L | Shelton, Conn. / Shelton |
| 2 | Mike Mattei | Sr. | INF | 5-10 | 175 | R/R | Spencer, Mass. / David Prouty |
| 3 | Bryan Failla | Fr. | INF | 5-8 | 140 | R/R | Torrington, Conn. / Torrington |
| 4 | Tyler Kane | So. | RHP | 6-1 | 170 | R/R | Wilbraham, Mass. / Minnechaug Regional |
| 6 | Jack DeBiase | Fr. | C/OF | 5-10 | 210 | L/R | Prospect, Conn. / Woodland Regional |
| 7 | Nick Grassetti | Jr. | OF | 5-8 | 170 | R/R | Agawam, Mass. / Agawam |
| 8 | Taylor Kapulka | So. | C | 5-10 | 200 | R/R | Worcester, Mass. / Holy Name Central Catholic |
| 9 | Daniel Heefner | Jr. | RHP | 6-3 | 180 | R/R | Tracy, Calif. / Tracy |
| 10 | Kyle Szatrowski | Fr. | LHP | 5-11 | 185 | L/L | Agawam, Mass. / Agawam |
| 11 | Matt Consiglio | Jr. | INF | 6-1 | 180 | R/R | Southbury, Conn. / Pomperaug |
| 12 | Tom Cole | Jr. | RHP | 6-2 | 215 | R/R | Mattapoisett, Mass. / Old Rochester |
| 13 | Jamill Moquette | So. | INF | 6-3 | 194 | R/R | Boston, Mass. / Madison Park Technical Vocational |
| 14 | Greg Dubela | Jr. | RHP | 5-11 | 160 | R/R | Stratham, N.H. / Exeter |
| 15 | Lucas Ilges | So. | RHP | 6-0 | 175 | R/R | Gloucester, Mass. / Gloucester |
| 16 | Matt Dziok | So. | RHP | 5-10 | 170 | R/R | Southampton, Mass. / Hampshire Regional |
| 17 | Tyler Kirwan | Fr. | INF | 6-1 | 178 | R/R | Syracuse, N.Y. / Jamesville-Dewitt |
| 18 | Patrick Noble | Jr. | INF | 6-1 | 190 | R/R | Somerville, Mass. / Matignon |
| 19 | Steve Roche | Fr. | RHP | 5-8 | 170 | R/R | Worcester, Mass. / Saint Peter-Marian |
| 20 | Ty Buccetti | Sr. | OF | 5-10 | 155 | L/L | Wallingford, Conn. / Xavier |
| 21 | Will Barrack | So. | RHP | 6-5 | 210 | R/R | Lancaster, Va. / Lancaster |
| 22 | Jeff Thomas | Jr. | RHP | 6-1 | 210 | R/R | Redwood City, Calif. / Woodside |
| 23 | Pat Lynch | Sr. | INF | 6-0 | 215 | L/L | Middletown, R.I. / Middletown |
| 24 | Tomas Martinez | Fr. | C | 6-0 | 215 | R/R | Hialeah, Fla. / Miami Springs Senior |
| 25 | Charles LaPaglia | Fr. | OF | 6-0 | 205 | R/R | Marshfield, Mass. / Marshfield |
| 26 | Todd Ezold | Fr. | C | 6-1 | 200 | R/R | Westfield, Mass. / Westfield |
| 27 | Patrick Austin | Fr. | LHP | 6-3 | 178 | L/L | Torrington, Conn. / Torrington |
| 28 | Dominic Morbidelli | Fr. | C | 6-1 | 210 | R/R | Oakland, Calif. / Bishop O'Dowd |
| 29 | Dan Gambill | Jr. | RHP | 6-0 | 190 | R/R | West Palm Beach, Fla. / Cardinal Newman |
| 30 | Gabe May | So. | RHP | 5-10 | 160 | R/R | Portsmouth, N.H. / Portsmouth |
| 31 | Ryan Manning | Fr. | INF | 5-11 | 160 | R/R | Plainville, Mass. / King Philip Regional |
| 33 | Wilberto Sanjuro | Sr. | DH | 6-1 | 220 | L/R | Boston, Mass. / East Boston |
| 34 | Collin Keefer | Fr. | INF | 5-9 | 150 | R/R | Charlotte, N.C. / Ardrey Kell |
| 35 | Patrick Murphy | Fr. | INF | 6-2 | 190 | L/R | Stamford, Conn. / Trinity Catholic |
| 36 | Tyler Kapushinski | Jr. | LHP | 6-0 | 180 | L/L | New Britain, Conn. / New Britain |
| 37 | Ryan Augustine | So. | RHP | 6-3 | 200 | R/R | Burlington, Conn. / Lewis Mills |
| 38 | Luke Fischetti | Fr. | OF | 5-11 | 175 | R/R | Liverpool, N.Y. / Liverpool |
| 39 | Kyle Thebado | Fr. | OF | 5-5 | 170 | R/R | Marlborough, Mass. / Marlborough |
| 40 | Michael Boughton | Jr. | RHP | 6-2 | 185 | R/R | New Britain, Conn. / New Britain |
| 42 | Mike Capobianco | Fr. | RHP | 6-1 | 175 | R/R | Wrentham, Mass. / King Philip Regional |
| 45 | Harlan Zeerip | Fr. | LHP | 6-0 | 180 | L/L | Brookfield, Conn. / Brookfield |

**Head Coach:** Brendan Eygabroat (8th season), Mary Washington '01 RECORD: 8-8

**Assistant Coaches:** Kevin Kelley, Mike Conroy, Jason Connelly, Brendan Healy, Joe Chiodo, Brendan Akashian

# 2012 Westfield State University Baseball Roster

| NO | NAME | YEAR | POS | HT | WT | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bobby Wagner | FR | IF | 6-0 | 170 | Mongaup Valley, NY (Monticello) |
| 3 | Tommy Nowlan | FR | P | 6-0 | 160 | Williamstown (Mount Greylock) |
| 4 | Aaron Messier *** | SR | P | 5-10 | 190 | New Bedford |
| 5 | Kevin Zyrkowski * | SO | P | 6-0 | 165 | Hingham |
| 6 | Matt Kelly *** | SR | SS | 6-2 | 175 | Weymouth (Boston College High) |
| 7 | Dustin Mocadlo | FR | OF | 5-10 | 155 | Ellington, CT |
| 8 | Jordan Shoubash | FR | P | 6-2 | 187 | Bow, NH |
| 9 | Kyle Colesanti * | SO | IF | 5-8 | 165 | Mount Kisco, NY (Fox Lane) |
| 10 | Alex Cloutier ** | JR | OF | 6-0 | 160 | Westford (Westford Academy) |
| 11 | Roman Mondalto * | SR | P | 5-11 | 205 | Amesbury |
| 12 | Tim Heintz ** | JR | IF | 5-10 | 182 | Ellington, CT |
| 13 | Mike Molta | FR | 3B/OF | 6-0 | 170 | Nantucket |
| 14 | Dan Rokitowski | FR | 1B | 5-8 | 168 | Wappingers Falls, NY (Roy C Ketcham) |
| 15 | Pat McWilliams | FR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Duxbury |
| 17 | Justin Roethlingshoefer | SR | C | 5-10 | 185 | Edmonton, AB (St. Francis Xavier Academy) |
| 18 | Connor Buckley ** | JR | P | 6-1 | 180 | Acton (Acton-Boxborough Regional) |
| 19 | Andrew Medeiros ** | JR | C | 6-1 | 195 | Acushnet (New Bedford) |
| 20 | Tommy Carroll * | SO | P | 6-2 | 190 | Shelton, CT |
| 21 | Curt Everett ** | SR | P | 5-11 | 190 | Lexington |
| 22 | Kevin Greene * | JR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Worcester (Holy Name) |
| 23 | Victor Martinez | SO | OF | 5-11 | 165 | Boston (South Boston/Excel) |
| 24 | Josh Blair ** | SR | 1B | 6-4 | 245 | Westfield |
| 25 | Mike Sullivan * | SO | P | 6-0 | 180 | East Sandwich (Sandwich) |
| 26 | Bret Siflinger ** | JR | P | 6-2 | 210 | Framingham |
| 27 | Jeremy Tanguay | FR | IF | 5-10 | 165 | Huntington (Gateway Regional) |
| 28 | Drew Dunn * | SO | C | 6-2 | 205 | Nashua, NH (Nashua South) |
| 30 | Nick Champeau | FR | OF/C | 5-7 | 195 | Southbridge (Tantasqua) |
| 31 | Kyle Canole | FR | P | 6-5 | 220 | Milford |
| 33 | Dale Crispin * | JR | 3B/C | 6-1 | 205 | Stoneham (Bishop Fenwick) |
| 34 | Sean Ahern | FR | P | 6-5 | 250 | Westfield |
| 35 | Tim Santilli | FR | 1B | 6-3 | 205 | Southbridge (Tantasqua) |

*** - Years Played at Westfield State Before This Season** **RECORD: 9-8**

**Head Coach: Ray Arra (No. 32), 8th Year**
**Assistant Coaches: Fred Perry (No. 36), 8th Year; Steve Burndrett (16), 3rd year; Ben Wagner (No. 2), 2nd year: Mark Bonavita (No. 29), 2nd year**
**Volunteer Assistant: Pete Hogan**
**Captains: Josh Blair, Matt Kelly, Aaron Messier**

**Bats Left/Throws Left: Kevin Greene, Roman Mondalto, Dustin Mocadlo, Dan Rokitowski, Victor Martinez**
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# BASEBALL

Westfield State University SENIORS, left to right: Roman Mondalto, Curt Everett, Josh Blair, Matt Kelly, Aaron Messier.

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## Massachusetts Maritime Academy vs. Westfield State University

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| Bridgewater St. | 8 | 7-1 | 0.875 | 61 | 23 | 33 | 21-12 | 0.636 | 207 | 148 | 9-1 | Won 6 |
| Framingham St. | 8 | 6-2 | 0.750 | 62 | 28 | 30 | 19-11 | 0.633 | 186 | 150 | 8-2 | Won 4 |
| Salem St. | 8 | 5-3 | 0.625 | 59 | 35 | 33 | 24-8-1 | 0.742 | 279 | 171 | 6-3-1 | Tied 1 |
| Westfield St. | 8 | 5-3 | 0.625 | 36 | 28 | 28 | 13-15 | 0.464 | 133 | 151 | 4-6 | Lost 1 |
| Mass. Maritime | 8 | 3-5 | 0.375 | 33 | 66 | 24 | 11-13 | 0.458 | 122 | 155 | 3-7 | Won 2 |
| MCLA | 8 | 2-6 | 0.250 | 28 | 46 | 29 | 11-18 | 0.379 | 134 | 187 | 2-8 | Lost 5 |
| Worcester St. | 8 | 2-6 | 0.250 | 22 | 47 | 31 | 10-21 | 0.323 | 148 | 248 | 5-5 | Won 1 |
| Fitchburg St. | 8 | 2-6 | 0.250 | 25 | 53 | 30 | 8-22 | 0.267 | 144 | 240 | 3-7 | Lost 3 |

## MASCAC Baseball Player of the Week

**David Pierce, Bridgewater State (Jr., 1B, East Bridgewater, Mass.)** -- Batted .565 (13-23) with three steals, five doubles, seven runs scored and seven RBI in 4-1 week for Bears, including pair of doubles, three RBI and five runs scored in sweep at Fitchburg State. Added three hits and three RBI in 13-12 win over Curry.

## MASCAC Baseball Pitcher of the Week

**Bret Siflinger, Westfield State (Jr., P, Framingham, Mass.)** -- Tossed complete-game four-hitter and struck out seven in Owls' 9-1 victory at Framingham State.

## MASCAC Baseball Weekly Honor Roll

**Andy Sadoski, Bridgewater State (So., P, Harwich, Mass.)** -- Scattered five hits in going route with five strikeouts in Bears' 2-0 win over Salve Regina.

**Pat Mercier, Fitchburg State (Jr., P, Townsend, Mass.)** -- Fanned nine over 8 1/3 innings to earn win in Falcons' 5-4 victory over Anna Maria.

**Frank Yavorosky, Fitchburg State (Sr., 3B, Westminster, Mass.)** -- Batted .400 (6-15) with double, homer and four RBI in 2-3 week for Falcons, including two extra-base hits and pair of RBI in twinbill setback to Bridgewater State.

**Chris Blydell, Framingham State (Sr., OF, Lynn, Mass.)** -- Batted .389 with double, homer, and four runs scored in 3-1 week for Rams, including five hits in twinbill split with Westfield State.

**Ryan Stoller, Framingham State (Sr., P, Milton, Mass.)** -- Fanned three over 4 1/3 frames to earn victory in Rams' 7-2 win over Westfield State.

**Devin Rudolph, Massachusetts Maritime (So., OF, Carver, Mass.)** -- Rapped out pair of hits and drove in three runs in Buccaneers' 9-7 victory at Salem State that snapped Vikings' 12-game winning streak.

**Cory Collins, Salem State (Jr., P, Winthrop, Mass.)** -- Scattered five hits and fanned eight over seven innings in Vikings' 5-1 win over Gordon.

**Nick Conti, Salem State (So., SS, Lynn, Mass.)** -- Batted .400 (10-25) with homer, four doubles, six RBI and eight runs scored in 5-1 week for Vikings, including pair of doubles and three runs scored in 11-0 triumph over Massachusetts Maritime.

**Kevin Greene, Westfield State (Jr., OF, Worcester, Mass.)** -- Batted .467 (7-15) with four runs scored and .667 OBP in 2-2 week for Owls.

**Nick Bonofiglio, Worcester State (Jr., P, Worcester, Mass.)** -- Fired complete-game five-hitter and fanned eight in Lancers' 3-1 win at MCLA.

**Kurt Sabacinski, Worcester State (Jr., 1B, Worcester, Mass.)** -- Batted .500 (8-16) in 4-0 week for Lancers, including four hits in 11-3 victory over Anna Maria to go with three hits and two RBI in sweep at MCLA.

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| No. | Name | Cl | Pos | B/T | Ht | Wt | Hometown | High School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Bobby Rosano | Fr | IF | R/R | 5-7 | 165 | North Reading, Mass. | North Reading |
| 4 | Tyler Smith | Fr | P/OF | R/R | 5-9 | 175 | Bellingham, Mass. | Bellingham |
| 6 | Jonathan Moffitt | So | OF | R/R | 5-6 | 140 | Lake Mary, Fla. | Lake Mary |
| 8 | Brendan O'Kane | So | OF | R/R | 5-10 | 165 | Pocasset, Mass. | Bourne |
| 9 | Peter Sheppard | Fr | IF/OF | R/R | 6-1 | 180 | Chatham, Mass. | Chatham |
| 10 | Jared Lowe | Sr | RHP | R/R | 6-1 | 220 | Brimfield, Mass. | Tantasqua Regional |
| 12 | Zacary Cooney | Fr | P/IF | R/R | 5-10 | 170 | East Bridgewater, Mass. | Cardinal Spellman |
| 14 | Zachary Sullivan | Jr | IF | R/R | 6-1 | 225 | Barnstable, Mass. | Barnstable |
| 15 | Luke Kondrotas | So | C | L/R | 5-11 | 190 | Barre, Mass. | Gardner |
| 17 | Hunter Horton | Jr | C/OF | R/R | 6-0 | 180 | Wareham, Mass. | Wareham |
| 18 | Patrick Derrane | Jr | RHP | R/R | 6-2 | 170 | Utica, N.Y. | New Hartford |
| 19 | Thomas Notarangelo | Fr | P/OF | L/R | 5-11 | 145 | Foxboro, Mass. | Foxboro |
| 20 | Devin Rudolph | So | OF | R/R | 5-8 | 165 | Carver, Mass. | Carver |
| 22 | Chris Mullin | So | RHP | R/R | 5-9 | 170 | Foxboro, Mass. | Foxboro |
| 23 | Ben Maher | So | C/1B | R/R | 5-11 | 220 | Plymouth, Mass. | Plymouth South |
| 24 | Aram Mulhern | Jr | OF | R/R | 6-1 | 190 | Taunton, Mass. | Taunton |
| 26 | Bob Lee | So | OF | R/L | 5-10 | 150 | Braintree, Mass. | Braintree |
| 27 | Matt Pelletier | So | C | R/R | 5-11 | 190 | Bradford, Mass. | Central Catholic |
| 28 | Chris Gallagher | So | RHP | R/R | 6-2 | 205 | East Sandwich, Mass. | Sandwich |
| 31 | Stephen Scire | Fr | IF | R/R | 5-11 | 215 | Medford, Mass. | Medford |
| 33 | William Shouldice | Sr | 1B | R/R | 6-0 | 220 | Rutland, Vt. | Mount Saint Joseph |
| 36 | Ryan Griffin | Fr | RHP | R/R | 5-11 | 175 | Attleboro, Mass. | Bishop Feehan |
| 37 | Gabrielle Malaki | Fr | IF | R/R | 5-6 | 140 | San Diego, Calif. | Singapore American |

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|---|---|
| Head Coach: | 12 Bob Corradi (Massachusetts '67) |
| Assistant Coaches: | 2 Greg Perry, 9 Mike Kelley, 15 Michael Vargas, 19 Neil Patnaude |
| 2012 Co-Captains: | Jared Lowe '12, William Shouldice '12 |

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| 8 | Jordan Shoubash | FR | P | 6-2 | 187 | Bow, NH |
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| 10 | Alex Cloutier ** | JR | OF | 6-0 | 160 | Westford (Westford Academy) |
| 11 | Roman Mondalto * | SR | P | 5-11 | 205 | Amesbury |
| 12 | Tim Heintz ** | JR | IF | 5-10 | 182 | Ellington, CT |
| 13 | Mike Molta | FR | 3B/OF | 6-0 | 170 | Nantucket |
| 14 | Dan Rokitowski | FR | 1B | 5-8 | 168 | Wappingers Falls, NY (Roy C Ketcham) |
| 15 | Pat McWilliams | FR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Duxbury |
| 17 | Justin Roethlingshoefer | SR | C | 5-10 | 185 | Edmonton, AB (St. Francis Xavier Academy) |
| 18 | Connor Buckley ** | JR | P | 6-1 | 180 | Acton (Acton-Boxborough Regional) |
| 19 | Andrew Medeiros ** | JR | C | 6-1 | 195 | Acushnet (New Bedford) |
| 20 | Tommy Carroll * | SO | P | 6-2 | 190 | Shelton, CT |
| 21 | Curt Everett ** | SR | P | 5-11 | 190 | Lexington |
| 22 | Kevin Greene * | JR | OF | 6-0 | 195 | Worcester (Holy Name) |
| 24 | Josh Blair ** | SR | 1B | 6-4 | 245 | Westfield |
| 25 | Mike Sullivan * | SO | P | 6-0 | 180 | East Sandwich (Sandwich) |
| 26 | Bret Siflinger ** | JR | P | 6-2 | 210 | Framingham |
| 27 | Jeremy Tanguay | FR | IF | 5-10 | 165 | Huntington (Gateway Regional) |
| 28 | Drew Dunn * | SO | C | 6-2 | 205 | Nashua, NH (Nashua South) |
| 30 | Nick Champeau | FR | OF/C | 5-7 | 195 | Southbridge (Tantasqua) |
| 31 | Kyle Canole | FR | P | 6-5 | 220 | Milford |
| 34 | Sean Ahern | FR | P | 6-5 | 250 | Westfield |
| 35 | Tim Santilli | FR | 1B | 6-3 | 205 | Southbridge (Tantasqua) |

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4/27/2012

# Westfield baseball sweeps MCLA in doubleheader

*WSU Athletic Department*

Westfield State University continued to receive strong pitching performances in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) games as the Owls swept MCLA, 3-2 and 9-0, on Tuesday afternoon, April 24.

Westfield improves to 17-15 overall and 9-3 in the MASCAC. MCLA fell to 11-22 and 2-10 in the conference.

In the opener, southpaw Roman Mondalto threw a complete-game four-hitter with nine strikeouts and no walks in improving his record to 3-1 and lowering his ERA to 1.80.

In the nightcap, sophomore Tommy Carroll hurled the first five innings, allowing three hits and no walks in boosting his record to 4-3.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead in the opener when hot-hitting Kevin Greene led off the second inning with a double and scored on a single by Josh Blair.

MCLA tied the score in the fourth when Joe Duncan led off with a single up the middle, stole second, advanced to third on a ground out and scored on Cody Weaver's RBI ground out.

The Owls scored two big runs in the fifth to take a 3-1 lead. With the bases empty and two outs, Matt Kelly singled and scored on freshman first baseman Dan Rokitowski's double down the left field line. Freshman designated hitter Nick Champeau followed with an RBI single.

MCLA scored a run in the sixth when Duncan singled and advanced to second on a failed pickoff attempt. He scored on Weaver's two-out double to right field.

The crafty Mondalto retired the final four batters to notch the key conference victory.

Westfield collected eight hits with Greene the only Owl with multiple hits; he was 2 for 3 with two doubles.

Duncan was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and Weaver was 1 for 3 with two RBI.

In the second game, Westfield scored three runs in the first, two in the second and single tallies in the third and fourth to take a commanding 7-0 lead.

The Owls out-hit the Trailblazers, 12-4. Blair was 2 for 3 with two doubles, two runs scored and two RBI. Junior catcher Andrew Medeiros was 3 for 3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Rokitowski was 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI.

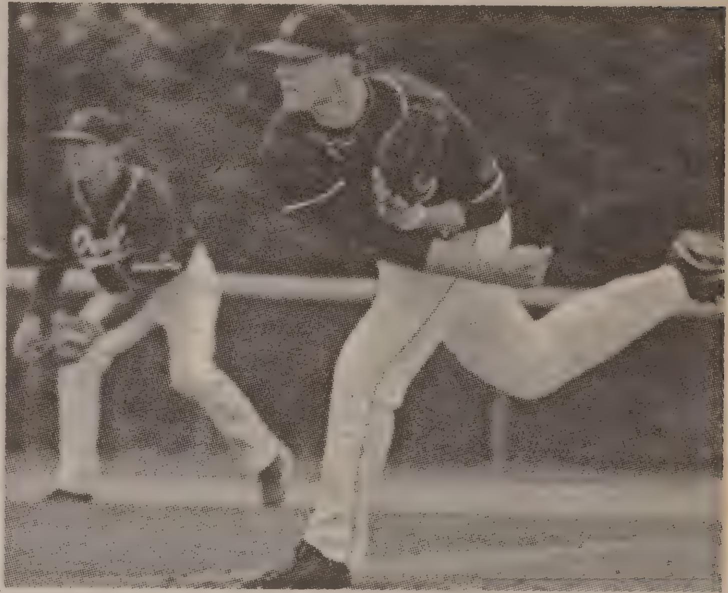

*photo by Matt Jardin*

Tommy Carroll pitched five strong innings in Westfield's 9-0 victory over MCLA.

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*Westfield State co-captains, from left to right, are: Matt Kelly, Josh Blair, Aaron Messier.*
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# WSU set to dazzle on diamond

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# *Local products boost Owls' chances*

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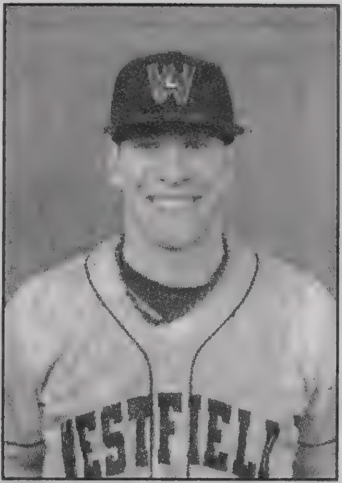


**JOSH BLAIR**

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University baseball team heads into the 2012 season seeking to maintain the success it has achieved under veteran head coach Ray Arra.

Coach Arra is confident in his team's ability to capture another Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season championship, which would be Westfield's 12th all-time and fifth in the last six years. The Owls finished the 2011 season with a 22-22 overall record and won the MASCAC regular season championship with an 11-3 record, but lost to Bridgewater State in the conference tournament championship game.

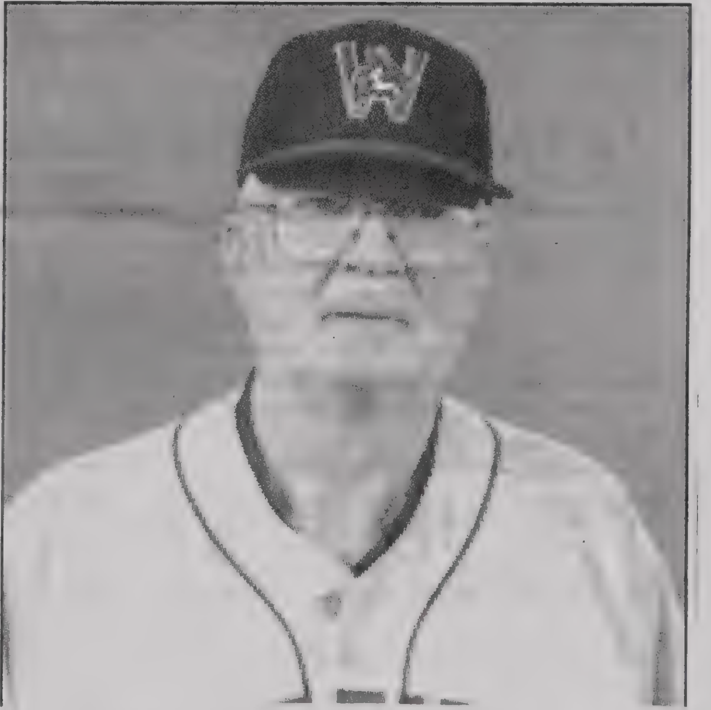
"Our goals once again are to win the MASCAC title and get to the NCAA tournament," said Arra, who is entering his 50th year as a baseball coach.

As far as the NCAA tournament, the Owls have participated in three under Arra and 10 all-time.

The pitchers will be crucial in getting the team to the postseason.

"This is the best pitching staff we have ever had," said Arra. "With the guys we have returning and the great attitude of our new guys, we have a chance to be very good."

The returning pitchers were responsible for 17 of the



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# Mondalto, Medeiros spark Owls to sweep

WESTFIELD – Senior Roman Mondalto fired a one-hit shutout and junior Andrew Medeiros drove in five runs, including both game-winning hits, to lead Westfield State University to a 1-0 6-1 doubleheader baseball sweep of Worcester State in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) openers on Sunday, April 1.

Mondalto, a second-team All-New England selection with a 7-1 record last season, allowed just a fifth-inning single in his near masterpiece. Throwing strictly fastballs and cutters, he struck out three and retired 12 Lancers via groundouts.

Mondalto did walk three and hit two batters, but the crafty lefty picked off two batters attempting to steal second base and got a 4-3 double play to end the seven-inning game.

Westfield scored its lone run in the fourth inning. Josh Blair began the inning by reaching safely on an infield hit and advancing to second on a throwing error by the third baseman. Medeiros belted an RBI double to leftfield.

The Owls collected six hits off losing pitcher Nick Bonofiglio (2 strikeouts, 0 walks). Blair was 2 for 3.

Medeiros delivered the game-winning hit in the second inning of the nightcap when he blasted a three-run homer over the left-center field fence.

The Owls made it 4-0 in the third inning when Kevin Greene doubled, advanced to third on a groundout, and scored on a Blair double.

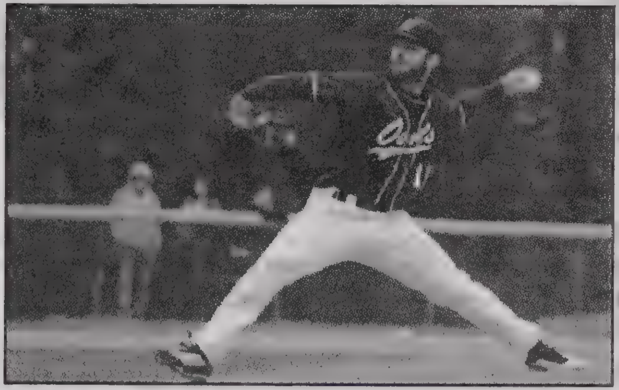
Westfield tacked on its final two runs in the fifth on two-out RBI singles by Medeiros and freshman Nick Champeau.

Worcester's only run came in the fifth and it was unearned as fresthman pitcher Mike Molta threw the ball into centerfield on a failed pickoff attempt with the bases loaded and two outs.

Molta hurled six strong innings, allowing five hits and a walk and fanning five. Kevin Zyrkowski pitched the final frame.

The Owls had nine hits in the nightcap, with Medeiros going 2 for 3 with his homer and four RBI. Blair was 2 for 2 with two runs scored and a double, and freshman first baseman Dan Rokitowski was 2 for 3.

Jeff Bolio, who broke up Mondalto's no-hit bid in the opener, doubled for one of the Lancers' five hits in the second game.



*Westfield State pitching ace Roman Mondalto.* **(Photo by Matt Jardin)**

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WSU BASEBALL

# Former Bomber one of 3 team captains

**JOSH BLAIR**

The Westfield State University baseball team has announced its captains for the 2012 season.

All three captains - Josh Blair, Matt Kelly, and Aaron Messier - are seniors and have eight years of combined experience playing for the Owls heading into the 2012 campaign.

Blair is a 6-4, 245-pound first baseman from Westfield who will be starting for the third consecutive year. He finished the 2011 season with a .368 batting average, and led the team in doubles (11), and RBI (31).

Kelly is a four-year starter with a .322 career batting average. The Boston College High School graduate from Weymouth has career totals of 75 runs scored, 54 RBI and 128 career hits. The 6-2, 175-pound shortstop had 57 hits and a .377 batting average his sophomore season when he was a first-team all-conference selection. Last year he batted .312 with 48 hits in a team-high 154 at bats.

Messier begins his fourth year pitching for the Owls. The 5-10, 190-pounder hailing from New Bedford has the following career totals: 10-5 record, 63 strikeouts, and a 4.40 earned run average. Messier played for New Bedford in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, (NEBL) this past summer.

Messier, Kelly and Blair will be leading a team of 31 players that includes 18 returnees.

"These guys are going to make outstanding captains," said Westfield State baseball head coach Ray Arra, "We picked them because of their outstanding leadership."

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## SPORTS

# Greene clouts 3 homers in Owls' 17-3 Victory

### *Ties School Record For Homers, RBI*

By MICKEY CURTIS,
*Sports Information Director*

BABSON PARK, Fla. – Kevin Greene is hotter than the Florida weather as the junior center fielder from Worcester (Holy Name HS) slammed three home runs and had six RBI to power Westfield State University to a 17-3 rout of Mount Saint Mary College (Newburgh, N.Y.) yesterday at the Webber International University field.

KEVIN GREENE

Greene tied school records for homers and RBI in a game. Dave Bevan had identical numbers for Westfield State vs. Mass. Maritime Academy in a 1979 game played at Westfield's old main campus field.

Greene played six innings of the nine-inning game and finished 4 for 4 with four runs scored, a single and a walk. Through six games the left-hander, who is also a standout defensive center fielder, is batting .524 (11 for 21).

"I feel really good at the

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*Matt Kelly clubbed two doubles and drove in three runs.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

# Kelly, Greene powe
# Owls past Albertus

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Senior shortstop Matt Kelly was 3 for 4 with two doubles and three RBI and junior centerfielder Kevin Greene was 2 for 4 with a triple and three RBI to power Westfield State University to a 9-3 non-conference victory over Albertus Magnus College on Thursday, March 22.

Westfield evened its record at 6-6 while Albertus dropped to 1-7.

Trailing 1-0, the Owls crossed the plate four times in the third inning with the big blows a Kelly RBI single, a runscoring triple by Greene, and an RBI double by freshman designated hitter Nick Champeau.

Albertus scored two unearned runs in the sixth to close with a run, 4-3. The Owls then erupted for five runs on five hits in the home half of sixth for the game's final runs.

Greene delivered a two-run single t field and Kelly followed with a ringing to leftfield that drove in two more runs

Westfield outhit Albertus, 15-6. Fr Tim Santilli, who replaced his high teammate Champeau (Southbridge/Ta HS) as the designated hitter, was 2 for double and an RBI. Freshman Jeremy T and Dan Rokitowski also doubled as th pounded seven extra basehits.

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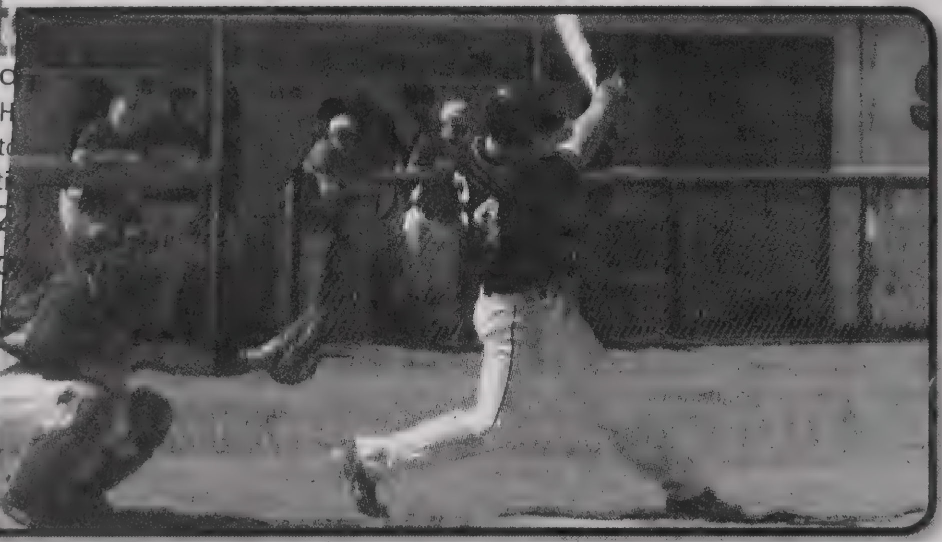

*estfield State University's Josh Blair, of Westfield is one of the Owls' brightest stars.*

## 2012 WSU BASEBALL SCHEDULE

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| day | March 25 | WHEATON | 1:00 |
| sday | March 27 | WESTERN CONNECTICUT | 3:30 |
| rsday | March 29 | SPRINGFIELD | 3:30 |
| rday | March 31 | WORCESTER STATE (2) | 12:00 |
| day | April 2 | UMASS BOSTON | 3:30 |
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| ay | April 6 | at Bridgewater State (2) | 12:00 |
| nesday | April 11 | at Williams | 4:00 |
| sday | April 12 | at Keene State | 3:30 |
| rday | April 14 | at Framingham State (2) | 1:00 |
| day | April 16 | SALEM STATE (2) | 12:00 |
| sday | April 19 | WESTERN NEW ENGLAND | 3:30 |
| rday | April 21 | MASS MARITIME (2) | 12:00 |
| sday | April 24 | MCLA (2) | 2:00 |
| rsday | April 26 | ENDICOTT | 4:00 |
| rday | April 28 | at Fitchburg State (2) | 12:00 |
| day | April 29 | at Curry | 1:00 |
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*Kevin Greene is congratulated after scoring the game-winning run.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

**BASEBALL**

# Westfield State Takes Two From Salem State

## *Owls Win Opener On Suicide Squeeze, 7-6; Second Game, 10-5*

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University baseball team swept a double-header from Salem State University, 7-6, 10-5, in a key conference action yesterday.

Salem State is 24-8 overall and 5-3 in the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference after the tough twinbill setback. Westfield State is 13-14 and 5-3.

The Owls won the opener with one of the most exciting plays in baseball, a walk-off suicide squeeze bunt by Alex Cloutier. In the nightcap, a seven-run fourth inning uprising led Westfield to the big DH sweep.

In the opener, Westfield tied the score at 6-all in the bottom of the sixth on Matt Kelly's one-out, two-run triple to left center following two walks. With the infield drawn in, Dan Rokitowski was retired on a grounder for the second out, and Andrew Medeiros hit a towering shot that was caught near the center field fence for the third out.

After reliever and winning pitcher Curt Everett retired Salem in the seventh, Kevin Greene began Westfield's seventh inning by ripping a double down the right field line on a 0-2 pitch.

Josh Blair reached safely when his sacrifice bunt was mishandled by the third baseman to place runners at first and third. Tim Santilli struck out then Cloutier placed a high chopper bunt to the pitcher on a 3-1 count. Greene slid underneath the catcher's tag to score the game-winning run.

Salem took an early 3-0 lead in the opener, scoring three unearned runs with the aid of two sacrifice bunts and a throwing error.

Westfield went ahead, 4-3, with a four-run third inning. Rokitowski ripped a two-run double for the big blow in the frame.

Salem regained the lead, 5-4, in the fifth on a two-run single by Nick Conti. The Vikings added another run in the sixth on Chris Cocci's suicide squeeze bunt.

Westfield outhit Salem, 9-5. Greene was 3 for 3 and Kelly was 2 for 4 with his big two-run triple.

Steve Buitkus and Kevin Salines each had two hits for the Vikings.

Westfield starting pitcher Roman Mondalto hurled the front six innings, allowing five hits, two earned runs and three walks. He hit four batters and struck out four.

In the second game, Westfield was outhit, 10-8, but the Owls bunched all of their hits in the two innings they scored. They rapped five hits in the seven-run fourth inning that gave them a 7-2 lead, and the other three hits in their three-run fifth inning.

Greene lined a two-run single in the fourth and Blair blasted a two RBI triple. In the fifth, Cloutier (RBI single) and Bobby Wagner (two-run single) delivered the key hits as Westfield took a 10-2 lead.

Salem scored three runs in the sixth but reliever Kevin Zyrkowski pitched an inning and a third to stop Salem.

Everett, who picked up the victory in the opener, started the second game but was yanked after two innings. Tommy Carroll, the third of fourth Owl pitchers, was credited with the victory in game two.

Medeiros was 2 for 4 with a double and two runs scored as he was the only Owl with multiple hits.

Buitkus also had two hits in the nightcap and Brett Cahill was 3 for 4 a double. Bill Catalado clubbed a pinch-hit two-run double in the sixth inning.

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# Westfield State Upends Springfield, 7-

Westfield News March 30, 2012

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Kevin Greene was 3 for 4 with a triple, double and single to lead Westfield State University to a 7-5 victory over Springfield College in non-conference baseball action on Thursday, March 29.

Westfield (7-8), jumped out to an early 1-0 first-inning lead. Leadoff hitter Matt Kelly ripped a first-pitch single to leftfield and advanced to third on a standup double to the left-center gap by Greene. Freshman catcher Nick Champeau then delivered his first of two RBI with a sacrifice fly.

Springfield took its only lead, 2-1, with two unearned runs in the top of the second. A passed ball, two walks and a double steal of second and home, along with an RBI groundout by Shane O'Leary, gave the Pride their short-lived lead.

The Owls responded with two runs in the home half of the second to regain the lead. After two walks, Kelly lined a two-out RBI single over the shortstop's outstretched glove. Greene followed with an RBI single to leftfield.

Springfield tied the score in the fourth inning. Frank Calabrese led off with a single and advanced to third on Karl Quist's single through the right side. Calabrese scored when Matt Milano hit into a 6-3 double play.

Westfield took a 4-3 lead in the fifth, knocking Springfield starting pitcher Travis Lane out of the game. Greene led off with a triple to centerfield and scored on Champeau's single through the left side.

Westfield also scored single runs in its final three at bats, including an RBI double by Tim Heintz in the sixth and a bases-loaded walk to Alex Cloutier in the seventh. In the Owls' final at bat, Greene drew a leadoff walk, stole second and advanced to third on catcher throwing error. Josh Blair then plated Greene when he reached safely on an error to deep shortstop.

*Westfield's Nick Champeau is tagged out attempting to score from third base on a short passed ball in th inning.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

Springfield scored a run in the seventh on a bases-loaded walk and its final run in the ninth on Matt McGowan's booming RBI triple to straightaway centerfield.

Both team collected nine hits and there were 14 walks on the cold and blustery day, including eight free passes issued by Springfield pitchers.

Kelly was 2 for 5 as the Owls' No. 1 and No. 2 batters had
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Westfield starter Tommy
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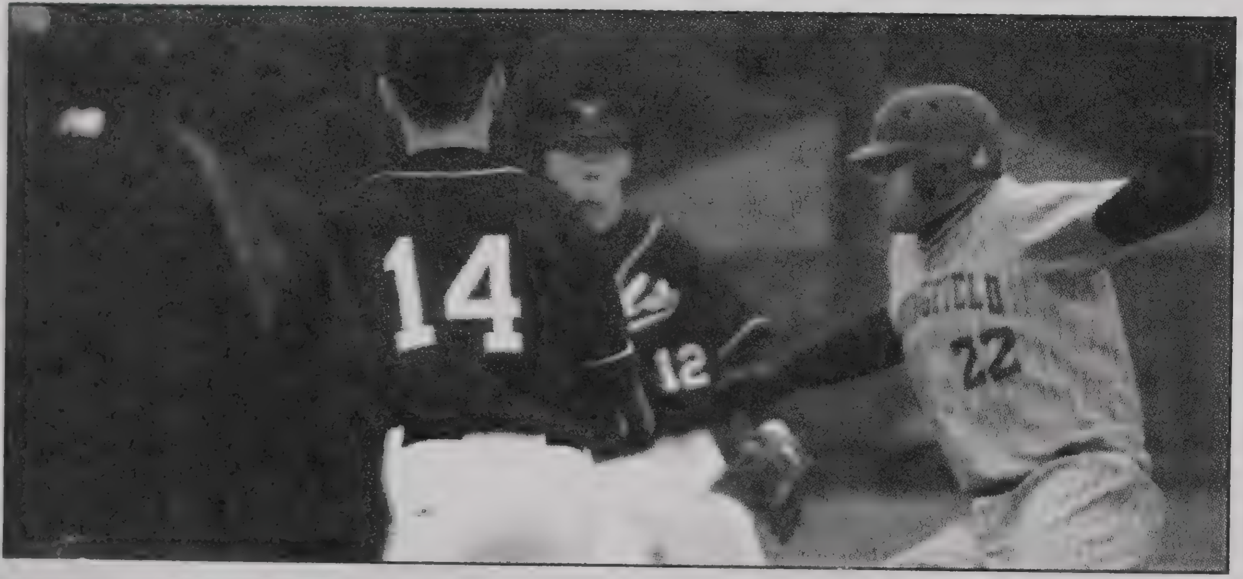

*Westfield first baseman Dan Rokitowski and second basema Heintz have Springfield's Mike Tanguay caught in a rundown second inning. Tanguay reached second safely on a double steal, ever, as the Owls opted to go home in an attempt to throw out th ner advancing from third base.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

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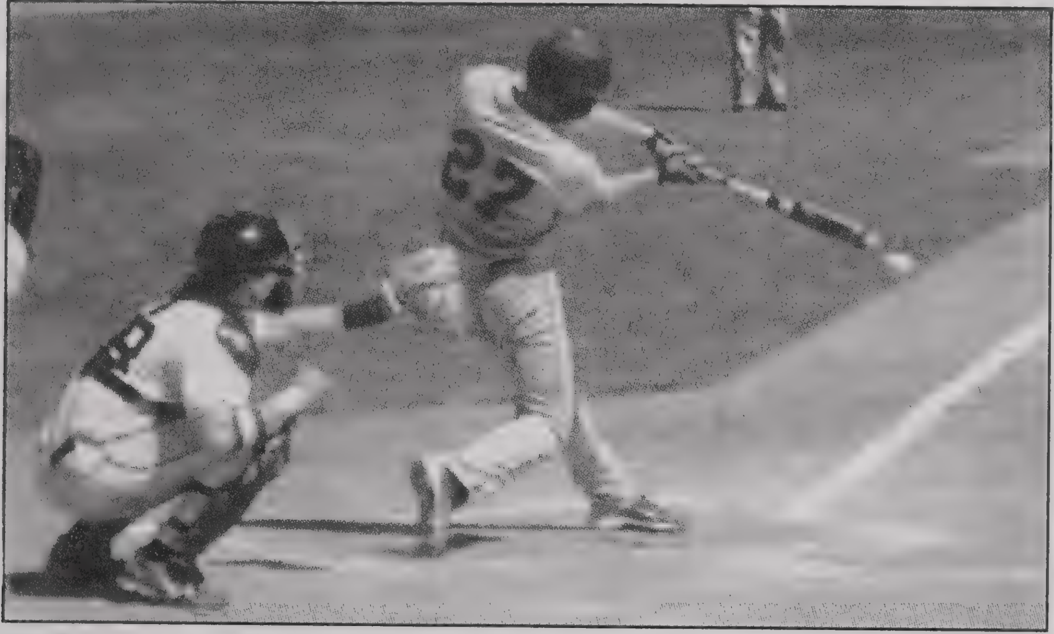
# Unbeaten Ramapo Blanks Westfield

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. – Ramapo (N.J.) College remained undefeated by shutting out the Westfield State University baseball team, 5-0, at Chain of Lakes Park on Saturday morning, March 17.

The Owls finished their southern swing with a 4-6 record. Westfield is scheduled to begin an eight-game homestand when it hosts Elms College in its northern opener on Tuesday, March 20, at 3:30. Ramapo, which participated in the NCAA Tournament last season, is 6-0.

Despite the setback to the New Jersey power, the Owls received a solid pitching performance from freshman Mike Molta of Nantucket. In his first collegiate start, the 6-0, 170-pound righthander allowed no earned runs, four hits and one walk and struck out nine in six complete innings.



*Westfield freshman third baseman Jeremy Tanquay of Huntington (Gateway Regional HS) raps a shot down the third base line. Tanquay batted a team-high .474 (9 for 19) for the Owls during their 10 games in Florida. Junior centerfielder Kevin Greene is hitting .429 (15 for 35).*
{Photo by Mickey Curtis}

Ramapo scored two unearned in the first inning on two Owl throwing errors following fairly difficult fielding plays. The first two batters reached safely on the miscues, with the second error came on a sacrifice bunt. Following a double steal, Molta struck out the No. 3 and No. 4 batters then catcher Matt Hancock lined a two-run single to right-center field.

Ramapo scored an unearned run in the sixth inning to take a 3-0 lead. The leadoff hitter reached safely on a passed ball after striking out. Hancock then hammered an apparent triple to right-center field. He was credited with an RBI but was ruled out on an appeal play after missing second base to turn the three bagger into a single.

Westfield was outhit, 8-7. Freshman Jeremy Tanguay of Huntington (Gateway Regional HS) was 2 for 3. Hot-hitting Kevin Greene (Worcester/Holy Name HS) was 2 for 4 with a double.

Ramapo pitcher Travis Zilg went the distance. He allowed one walk and struck out four in the nine-inning game.

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# Owls Ranked Second In MASCAC Baseball Poll

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass. – The Bears of Bridgewater State University are the preseason pick to win the 2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Baseball championship in a vote of the league's coaches.

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Worcester State is next in third place with 44 points, while Salem State follows in fourth place with 35 points. Framingham State and Massachusetts Maritime are next in fifth and sixth place, respectively, with 31 and 24 points, while Fitchburg State and MCLA round out this year's coaches' poll in seventh and eighth place, respectively, with 23 and 11 points.

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# UMass Boston Holds Off Westfield State University, 10-7

WESTFIELD – UMass Boston scored three unearned runs in the top of the ninth inning, including a game-winning pinch-hit two-run double by Charles LaPaglia, as the Beacons held on for a 10-7 non-conference baseball victory over Westfield State on Monday.

The Beacons (9-8), who jumped out to a 7-2 third-inning lead, began their ninth-inning rally when Jack DeBiase singled with two outs and the bases empty. Matt Mattei then hit a routine fly ball that was dropped by the rightfielder, putting runners at first and third. LaPaglia follwed with his game-winning blow, a double down the rightfield line. Pat Lynch then plated LaPaglia with a single up the middle for the game's final run.

The Owls (9-9) knotted the score at 7-7 in the sixth inning with a dropped fly ball by the Beacon rightfielder leading to five unearned runs.

Hot-hitting Andrew Medeiros, who had singled to lead off the sixth, scored on the dropped fly ball with two outs to make the score 7-3. Jeremy Tanguay ripped an RBI ground rule double to under the leftfield fence to make it 7-4. Kyle Colesanti scored on a bases loaded wild pitch then Kevin Greene ripped a two-run single to tie the score.

The Owls took a 1-0 first-inning lead when Matt Kelly led off with a single, advanced to second on a balk, and scored on a Medeiros' double down the leftfield line.

The Beacons crossed the plate four times in the second inning as Owl starting pitcher Aaron Messier struggled to find the plate. Messier allowed three walks and four hits in the inning, with the big blow a two-run single by Mike McCormack.

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UMass Boston racked Westfield reliever Bret Siflinger for three runs in the third, with the big blow an RBI triple by Nick Grassetti. Siflinger settled down to throw scoreless fourth and fifth innings.

Mike Sullivan sustained the tough mound setback. He threw the four innings and allowed three hits, all in the final frame. He walked one and struck out five.

Matt Dziok pitched two innings to receive credit for pitching victory. Jeff Thomas pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for the save.

Collin Keefer and McCormack – the No. 1 and No. 2 batters – collected half of the Beacons' 10 hits. McCormack was 2 for 4 with three RBI and the speedy Keefer was 3 for 5 with two doubles and two RBI in the leadoff spot.

Westfield had seven hits. Kelly was 2 for 4, including an RBI double in the second inning. Medeiros was 2 for 4 with an RBI double.

**MEDEIROS, MONDALTO EARN MASCAC HONORS:** Westfield State junior catcher/outfielder Andrew Medeiros and senior pitcher Roman Mondalto have been named MASCAC baseball player and pitcher of the week.

During a 3-1 week for the Owls, Medeiros went 5-11 at the plate with a home run, two doubles, two sacrifice hits, two steals and five RBI. Mondalto threw a complete-game one-hitter against Worcester State, allowing a fifth-inning single. He struck out three and walked three. Twelve of the outs were groundouts and he picked off two baserunners attempting to steal second.

The Owls swept Worcester State in the doubleheader on Sunday, winning the games, 1-0 and 6-1, with Medeiros getting both game-winning hits: an RBI double in the opener and a three-run homer in the nightcap.

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# *WNE second baseman Clark selected to D3baseball.com All-American Team*

SPRINGFIELD – Tim Clark, a Western New England University (WNE) baseball player, was selected to the D3baseball.com All-American Team on May 22.

Clark, a second baseman from West Springfield, was named to the second team after leading the Golden Bears with a .428 batting average in 51 games. He led the Golden Bears in slugging (.551), on-base percentage (.464), and triples (five), and collected 80 hits, which tied the school record set last year by fellow All-American Golden Bear Mike Rubino.

Clark was the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Player-of-the-Year and an All-CCC First Team honoree. He also made the All-New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association (NEIBA) Division III First Team.

He was also voted to the NCAA Division III New England Regional All-Tournament Team.

WNE posted a 38-13 record this past season, captured its fifth consecutive CCC Championship – and seventh straight league title – and placed second in the NCAA Regional.

The Golden Bears are 21st in the latest D3baseball.com poll.

**NEWLA Post-season honors**

GREATER SPRINGFIELD – The New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) has announced its post-season honors.

In a vote by the conference coaches, Westfield State University (WSU) senior midfielder Carly Keeley of Feeding Hills was named NEWLA Offensive Player of the Year.

Keeley, a three-time first-team all-conference selection, led the Owls in scoring (76 points), goals (56), game-winning goals (three), ground balls (49), draw controls (77) and caused turnovers (19). Keeley finished her stellar three years at Westfield State with 198 points. She scored 10 points during her freshman season at Assumption College for a total of 208 career points.

Playing in her first season of collegiate lacrosse, Elms senior goalkeeper Rachel Schrutt of Chicopee earned NEWLA Rookie of the Year and NEWLA Goalkeeper of the Year honors. In eight league games, Schrutt registered 134 saves and ranked third in the conference with a .511 save percentage. In addition to her abilities in the net, Schrutt picked up 37 groundballs and caused eight turnovers.

**Dussault named to All-MASCAC second team**

WESTFIELD – The WSU softball team's junior catcher Brittany Dussault of Chicopee was selected to the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) all-conference second-teams.

The Chicopee Comprehensive High School alum led the Owls with a .413 batting average and a .447 on base percentage while playing in 32 of the Owls' 41 games. She did not commit an error in 262 total chances defensively.

**Barbarisi awarded WNE Female Scholar Athlete honor**

SPRINGFIELD – Christiana Barbarisi of Feeding Hills was named the WNE Female Senior Scholar-Athletes-of-the-Year.

She was honored for her accomplishments in the classroom and in athletic competition at the school's Baccalaureate Ceremony on May 18.

Barbarisi finished her undergraduate career with a 3.86 grade-point-average in Psychology. She was the CCC Women's Tennis Senior Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year.

On the court, Barbarisi made the All-Singles First Team after compiling a 6-4 record in singles competition, including a 4-3 mark at the number one position. She finished her career with an overall 68-35 record (43-16 singles, 25-19 doubles) for a 66.0 winning percentage.

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# Bowdoin Sweeps Westfield State In Baseball

LAKELAND, Fla. – Bowdoin College swept a baseball doubleheader from Westfield State University, 13-2, 3-2, on Tuesday, March 13 at historic Henley Field.

Bowdoin remains unbeaten at 4-0 while Westfield drops to 2-3. Because of a rain-out earlier this week, the Owls have scheduled a game for Wednesday, March 14, when they play Mount Saint Mary College (Newburgh, N.Y.) at 1:30 p.m. at the Webber International University field in Babson Park, Fla.

In the opener, Westfield took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning on an RBI groundout by designated hitter Josh Blair. Bowdoin knotted the score in the home half of the first then scored five unearned runs on just two hits in the bottom of the third to take a 6-1 lead.

In six innings, Westfield pitchers issued nine walks and hit two batters to aid the Bowdoin offense. Starting Connor Buckley pitched into the third inning and was saddled with the setback.

Bowdoin collected five of its nine hits in a six-run uprising in the fifth.

Senior shortstop Matt Kelly collected two of Westfield's six hits.

There were just two errors committed in the second game but the fielding miscues led to three unearned runs for Bowdoin in the top of the fifth inning. The big Bowdoin blow was a two-out, two-run single by Tim McGarry.

Westfield scored a run in the bottom of the fifth when Billy Wagner rapped a two-out single and raced home on a double to deep leftfield by Nick Champeau.

The Owls scored another run in the sixth when Kevine Greene led of with a double, advanced to third on Kelly's flyout, and scored on Blair's infield groundout.

Westfield mounted a scoring threat in its final at bat. Mike Molta led off with a bloop single to leftfield and was sacrificed to second by pinch hitter Andrew Medeiros. Molta moved to third on Jeremy Tanguay's infield groundout but he was stranded there as pinch hitter Dan Rokitowski hit a comebacker to the pitcher to end the game.

Westfield outhit Bowdoin, 8-6. Champeau was 2 for 3 and Wagner was 2 for 2. Starting pitcher Tommy Nowlan pitched five innnings, allowing six hits and no walks and striking out two. Curt Everett looked sharp in two innings of relief, allowing no hits and no walks and fanning two.

*Westfield State University President Evan S. Dobelle meets with parents and players during the BBQ that was held for the baseball and softball teams in Florida on Tuesday evening. Approximately 120 people attended the reception.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

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# Western New England tops Westfield

### *Seven-Run Sixth Inning Lifts Golden Bears To 15-5 Victory*

WESTFIELD – Junior outfielder Matt Anthonis paced a 15-hit attack, going 4 for 5 with four RBI, as Western New England University posted a 15-5 baseball victory over Westfield State University yesterday.

The Golden Bears, who participated in the NCAA Division III World Series last year, boosted their record to 21-9. The Owls are 13-15.

Western New England broke open a tight game, snapping a 2-2 deadlock with a seven-run uprising in the sixth inning. The Golden Bears banged five hits in the inning, including the game-winning hit by Anthonis, a runscoring single to make it 3-2.

The other big blows in the sixth were a two-run double by freshman first baseman Steve Buckley and a two-run single by Jeff Schult.

WNE tacked on four more runs in the eighth, including a three-run double by Anthonis. Buckley capped the scoring in the ninth by lining a two-run homer down the left field line.

Six of Western New England's 15 hits went for extra bases; Westfield rapped 10 hits but they were all singles. Also, four players collected 12 of the Golden Bears' 15 hits.

The 6-3, 230-pound Buckley, who entered the game in the bottom of the fifth, finished 2 for 3 with a double, homer, two runs scored and four RBI. Schult was 3 for 6 with two RBI and two runs scored and Mike Rubino was 3 for 5 with a double and triple.

Andrew Medeiros and Josh Blair (Westfield, MA) both had two singles and two RBI for the Owls. Also lacing two singles were Kevin Greene and Nick Champeau.

Freshman Trevor Breton (Enfield, Conn./Fermi HS), the second of four WNE pitchers, earned the victory to improve his record to 5-1. He pitched two complete innings.

Tommy Carroll, the third of five Owl hurlers, sustained the setback.

**THE WESTFIELD NEWS SPORTS**

# Area stars align at Westfield State

## *Westfield, Gateway and Southwick all represented*

**By PETER FRANCIS**
*Intern*

WESTFIELD – It was a chilly morning last Saturday at Westfield State's Alumni Field, a far cry from the warm weather we were treated to earlier in the week.

In fact, the only warmth present on the diamond that morning were the arms of Westfield State players, most notably senior Josh Blair and freshmen Jeremy Tanguay, Mike Molta and Sean Ahern – four players who will likely decide the fate of an Owls team predicted to finish second in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference this season.

*L to R: Josh Blair, Jeremy Tanguay, Mike Molta, Sean Ahern* **(Photo submitted)**

"This team has the most talent and is one of deepest we've had since I've been here," Assistant Coach Fred Perry said in between hitting pop fly's for his outfielders. "We've got some freshmen who are really producing right now."

None more so than infielder Jeremy Tanguay of Huntington, who was leading the team in batting average (.533), while sitting second on the team in hits with 16, and tied for third on the team in total bases with 19.

The former Gateway Regional star has made quite a first impression in non-league play, most notably a masterful performance against regional foe Elms College of Chicopee, where he went 4 for 4, hitting an RBI double that would prove to be the game winner for the Owls.

While his stats indicate a well-rounded player that certainly had his fair share of

never left home," the soft-spoken freshman said.

When asked what his biggest asset to the team was, Tanguay gave a response that has become the mantra for this upstart crew of Owl freshman.

"I work hard and play my game," Tanguay said. "The rest of the freshmen are doing that, too. Our chemistry is coming together."

Of the numerous freshmen who are working hard and playing their game, none is doing so with the versatility of Mike Molta, a multi-tool player who has done a little bit of everything for the squad.

Listed as a third-baseman/outfielder on the team website, Molta has also contributed to the Owl's pitching

Almost as unique as Molta's game is his personal story.

Born in Springfield, Molta lived in Southwick till he was 5, when his family moved from the Westfield area to the island of Nantucket, where his father had a job.

"He was commuting from Southwick to the island for work everyday," Molta said. "It was hard for us, so we moved there when I was young."

Though Molta lived on the island and graduated from Nantucket High, his heart has always been in the Westfield area.

"When people were coming to the island for vacations, we would leave and go back to Southwick," Molta said laughing at the irony.

valuable defensive piece to the Owl's MASCAC championship puzzle.

Rounding out the area diaper dandies is Sean Ahern, a 6'5" pitcher from Westfield High who has shown promise for the Owls in limited action so far in this young campaign.

Brought in from the bullpen during spring break in Florida, Ahern posted a 3.00 ERA, giving up two hits and striking out five batters in his lone performance.

When asked of his outlook on the season, the former Bomber gave an honest, positive assessment.

"Everyone cares on this team, our chemistry is great," Ahern said. "We're all working hard and playing our roles."

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Ahern also sang the praises of Westfield ace Roman Mondalto, a senior southpaw from Amesbury who turned in an All-MASCAC season last year, and whose repertoire of pitches includes a nifty cutter and a nasty slider, both of which he has been tutoring Ahern on this season.

While the freshmen have been getting lots of attention, one would be foolish not to acknowledge the presence of senior Josh Blair. He's been a pillar of consistency and leadership for the Owls the past two years, and was selected as a team captain this

University of Massachusetts, Blair transferred to Westfield to return to the varsity diamond under head coach Ray Arra, who has been an institution in Westfield baseball for decades.

When asked what would be needed to win this season, Blair gave a short and sweet reply.

"We need to win as a team," the 6'4" first baseman said, "We have a very young team, with lots of freshmen starting all over the field. But it's the fact that we have guys that are willing to play anywhere. That's huge for us."

Blair brings to the game a strong bat (.308 average with 12 hits and 6 RBI in the first 13 games), a good defensive presence (.976 fielding percentage) and great intelligence. (He's set to attend the New York Institute of Technology graduate school). Add it all up, and it appears that choosing Blair as a captain was among the easiest decisions Arra has had to make this season.

"Blair is going to have to give us a lot of RBIs this season," the veteran coach said. "He has developed a long way. He really has a great game."

In regards to the freshmen, the skipper gave a standard wily response.

"They'll decide how good they want to be," Arra said through a mouthful of sunflower seeds. "If they continue to progress, we'll have a very good season."

While anyone who is familiar with Coach Arra knows he is difficult to please, the Westfield State graduate ('65) has been very encouraged by the work ethic of his team.

"We had a day off a little while back, and the whole team came out for a workout," Arra said, "Work ethic is what separates good teams from

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# Owls split doubleheader with Roger Williams

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. – The Westfield State University baseball team split a doubleheader with Roger Williams (R.I.) University on Thursday, March 15, at Chain of Lakes field. Westfield dropped the first game, 4-1, and won the second game, 7-2.

Westfield evened its record at 4-4 and Roger Williams is 4-5. The Owls play Vassar College of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on Friday.

After having its bats silenced for most of the opener, the Owls jumped out to a 5-0 first-inning lead in the second game. Westfield rapped four hits in the inning and also had a walk and a hit batter.

Matt Kelly and Andrew Medeiros produced run-scoring singles to open the scoring then freshman second baseman Bobby Wagner ripped a two RBI single. Westfield scored its fifth run on a sacrifice fly by Jeremy Tanguay

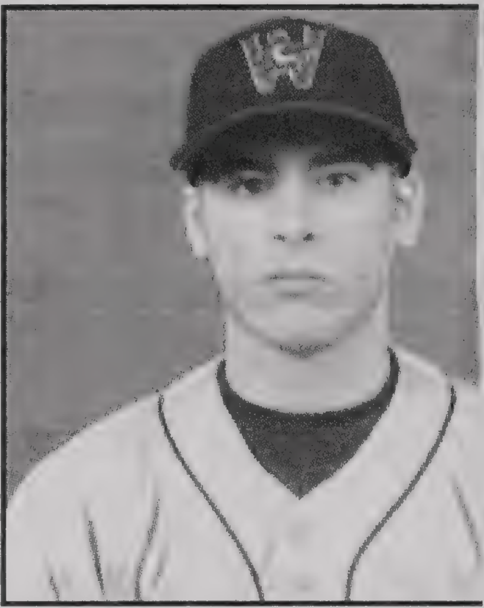
next three innings then scored two runs on three hits in the fifth to take a 7-1 lead. Wagner laced an RBI single and Medeiros clubbed a run-scoring double.

Medeiros was 2 for 3 with two runs scored, two RBI and a double in Westfield's eight-hit attack. Wagner was 2 for 3 with three RBI.

Senior Aaron Messier went the distance for the pitching victory. Messier pitched out of several jams and was aided by three double plays. He gave up eight hits and two walks and struck out four.

In the opener, Roger Williams scored two unearned runs on a hit and two errors in the first inning followed by two more runs in the second.

Roger Williams southpaw pitcher Sean Boyle scattered six hits and struck out seven in six and a third innings. He walked one.



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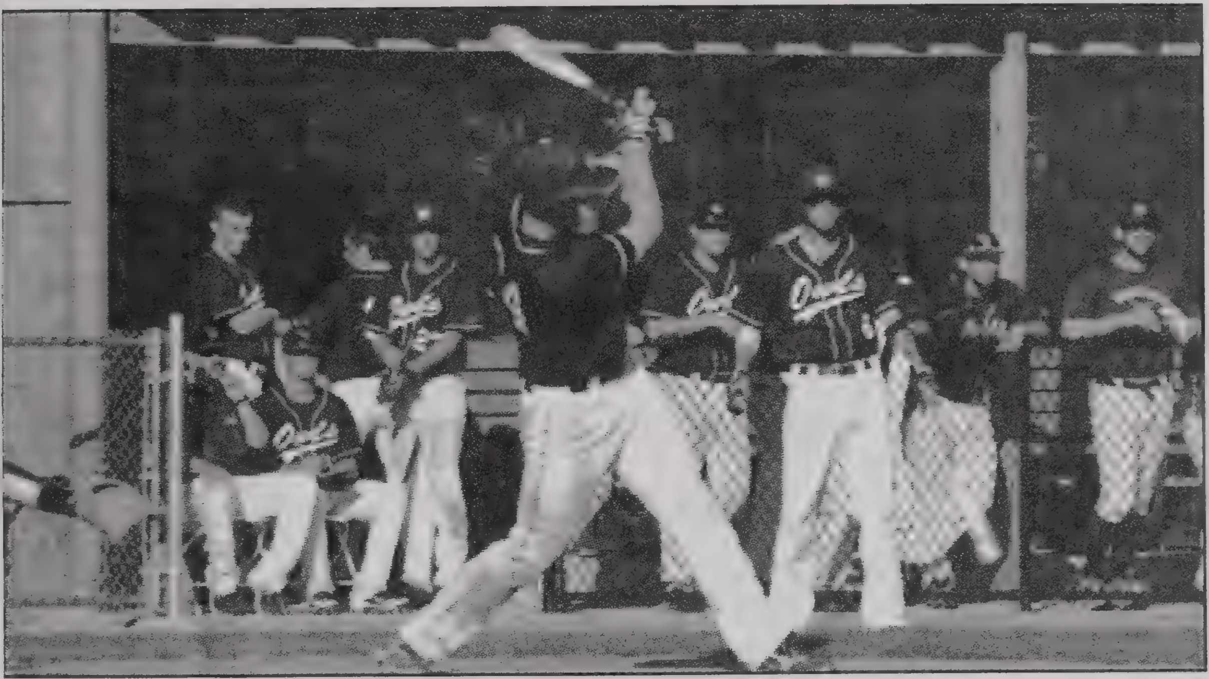

***osh Blair blasted a three-run homer in the fifth inning.*** (Photo by Matt Jardin)

# Western Connecticut tops Westfield

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The Colonials scored their four runs in the fifth frame on just two hits, a bloop RBI single by Dandrea and an RBI double by Conor Bierfeldt. Their final two fifth-inning runs came on a walk and a hit batter with the bases loaded.

Westfield cut the deficit to 8-4 fifth inning on a three-run homer by Josh Blair. But Western Connecticut responded with two insurance runs in the seventh on a two-run homer over the leftfield fence by the 5-7, 160-pound shortstop John.

Dandrea was the only player for either team with multiple hits. Westfield freshman first baseman Dan Rokitowski ripped an RBI double in the first inning. Mike Yates clubbed an RBI double to give the Colonials a 2-1 third-inning lead.

Two Zacks handled the pitching chores for Western. Zak Philippas hurled the first six innings (1 earned run, 3 hits, 7 walks, 4 strikeouts) for the victory. Zack Taylor allowed one hit in three effective innings of relief to earn the save.

Tommy Nowlan, the first of five Owl pitchers, was credited with the loss.

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# Westfield State rallies to defeat Elms, 7-3

WESTFIELD — Freshman third baseman Jeremy Tanguay (Huntington/Gateway Regional HS) was 4 for 4 and delivered the game-winning hit, an RBI double in a four-run seventh-inning uprising, as Westfield State University rallied a 7-3 victory over Elms College on Tuesday, March 20.

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*WSU Athletic Department*

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Westfield improves to 17-15 overall and 9-3 in the MASCAC. MCLA fell to 11-22 and 2-10 in the conference.

In the opener, southpaw Roman Mondalto threw a complete-game four-hitter with nine strikeouts and no walks in improving his record to 3-1 and lowering his ERA to 1.80.

In the nightcap, sophomore Tommy Carroll hurled the first five innings, allowing three hits and no walks in boosting his record to 4-3.

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Donny Morse (Alfred, Maine) was the only player with multiple hits for Elms; he was 2 for 4 with a double.

Westfield starting pitcher Aaron Messier was credited with the victory. He allowed seven hits and three walks and struck out five in seven complete innings. Pitching an inning of hitless relief were Kevin Zyrkowski and Curt Everett.

The Owls defense turned three double plays, including a 6-4-3 twin killing that got them out of a bases loaded jam in the fifth.

Freshman pitcher Geoffrey Frost (Ludlow) pitched seven innings to suffered the setback. He allowed 10 hits, one earned run and two walks with no strikeouts.

*photo by Matt Jardin*

Nick Champeau scores the game-tying run in the seventh inning.

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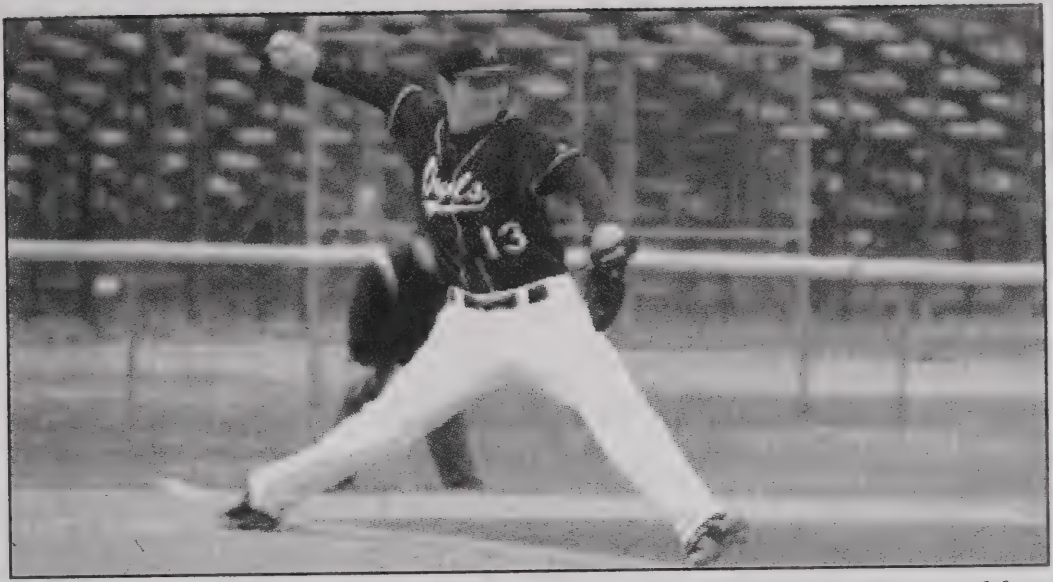

*Freshman starter Mike Molta pitched five solid innings, allowing one earned runs and four hits and striking out six.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

# Owls Fall To Wheaton

WESTFIELD — Senior Dan Demeo (Glastonbury, Conn./Glastonbury) and junior Eric Jensen (Gorham, N.H./Gorham) each had two hits and drove in a pair of runs to lead the No. 10 nationally ranked Wheaton College baseball team to their 13th consecutive victory, an 8-3 triumph over Westfield State in non-conference action Sunday afternoon, March 25, at Alumni Field.

Junior Sean Ryan (Norton, Mass./Norton) and senior Dan Haugh (Andover, Mass./St. John's Prep) also drove in two runs for the Lyons, who improved to 13-1 with the win. Freshman Apolinar De la Cruz (Providence, R.I./Classical) extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a first-inning single.

The Owls (6-7) took an early 1-0 lead on an RBI double by senior Josh Blair (Westfield, Mass./Westfield) in the first. Wheaton answered with a pair of runs in the third to take a 2-1 lead. Jensen singled to right field to plate Demeo with the Lyons first run, and Ryan grounded into a force out to bring in freshman Kevin Foley (Southbury, Conn./Pomperaug).

In the fifth, senior Hal Landers (Salem, N.H./Salem) reached on an error to open the inning and scored on Jensen's second run-scoring single of the game to give Wheaton a 3-1 lead. After Jensen stole both second and third base, Haugh's grounder to second brought home Jensen.

Westfield struck for a pair of runs in the sixth to cut its deficit to 4-3. Junior Andrew Medeiros (Acushnet, Mass./New Bedford) delivered an RBI single, followed by a run-scoring double by freshman Jeremy Tanguay (Huntington, Mass./Gateway Regional). Wheaton got those runs back in the eighth on a bases-loaded single by Ryan and a sac fly by Haugh. Demeo laced a two-run double in the ninth to cap the scoring.

Wheaton senior Nolan Corr (Somersworth, N.H./Saint Thomas Aquinas) improved to 2-0 with the victory. He worked 6.1 innings and allowed eight hits and three runs while striking out three.

Junior Jordan Wylie (Plymouth, Mass./Plymouth North) worked two scoreless innings in relief of Corr before sophomore Ryan Grant (Easton, Mass./Oliver Ames) recorded the final two outs of the game.

Freshman Mike Molta (Nantucket, Mass./Nantucket) was the hard-luck loser as he allowed four hits and one earned run in five innings of work. He walked two and struck out six.

Tanguay finished the afternoon 2-for-3 as he was the only Owl with multiple hits in their 10-hit attack.

The Lyons return to action on Tuesday when they head to Bridgewater State for a 3:00 p.m. contest. The Owls host Western Connecticut State Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

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*Westfield second baseman Kyle Colesanti covers the bag on a stolen base by Matt Roberge in the seventh inning.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

# Framingham Blanks Westfield, 5-0

## *Owls handcuffed in first round of MASCAC Baseball Tournament*

WESTFIELD – Matt DiCato fired a four-hit shutout to pitch Framingham State University to a 5-0 victory over Westfield State University in the first round of the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference baseball tourna- seven. Mondalto gave up seven hits and fanned four in going the distance.

Framingham scored single runs in each of the first four innings, including an unearned run in the first frame on a two-out throwing error by Mondalto. The Owls

The Rams made it 4-0 in the fourth frame on a leadoff single followed by three consecutive walks with two outs.

Framingham scored its final run in the seventh when Matt Roberge singled, stole second, advanced to third on a throwing error by the catch-

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# Owls No. 2 Seed For MASCAC Tournament

## *Westfield Baseball hosts Framingham Thursday*

BUZZARDS BAY – Bridgewater State University has earned the top seed in the 2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Baseball Championships, which begin with first round play tomorrow and continue in a double elimination format on both Saturday and Sunday.

Bridgewater State will host fourth-seeded Salem State University in one first round contest on Thursday afternoon at Alumni Park in Bridgewater, Mass. beginning at 3 p.m., while second-seeded Westfield State University will host third-seeded Framingham State University in the other first round contest on Thursday afternoon at Alumni Field in Westfield that also begins at 3 p.m.

The tournament continues on Saturday morning at Bridgewater State's Alumni Park in a double elimination format beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the championship round set for Sunday afternoon beginning at noon, as the 2012 MASCAC champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III Baseball Championships.

Bridgewater State captured the MASCAC regular season title for the 16th time overall and first since 2006 by winning 12 of 14 conference contests, as the Bears enter post-season play with a 27-13 overall slate under the guidance of Head Coach Rick Smith.

Junior Sean Riley leads Bridgewater State at the plate with a .395 batting average that ranks second best in the conference to go with seven homers and 37 RBI, while fellow junior David Pierce adds a .382 batting average that includes 12 doubles and 37 RBI. Sophomore Andy Sadoski paces the Bears on the mound with a 7-1 mark and a 1.79 ERA, as he has fanned 34 in 55 1/3 innings to date.

Westfield State claimed 20 regular season victories, including an 11-3 slate in MASCAC action, under Head Coach Ray Arra this spring, and the Owls are paced at the plate by junior Kevin Greene , who is batting .392 with 19 extra base hits and 20 RBI. Senior Josh Blair of Westfield follows at .356 with 13 doubles and 28 RBI, while freshman Mike Molta paces the conference in earned run average at 1.64 while notching three victories and 38 strikeouts in 44 innings to date.

Framingham State makes its second tournament appearance in three seasons after recording 25 regular season wins (10 in conference play) under Head Coach Brian Blumsack, as the Rams are led offensively by junior Will Crofton, who is batting .381 with 11 doubles and 30 RBI. Senior Pedro Acevedo follows at .348 with 13 doubles and 31 RBI, while sophomore Matt DiCato sports a 6-2 mark on the mound with a 2.53 ERA and 44 strikeouts in 46 1/3 innings this spring.

Salem State rounds out the 2012 MASCAC championship field, as the Vikings enter this year's tournament with a league-best 29 overall victories under Head Coach Ken Perrone, including a 9-5 slate in league play. Sophomore Kyle McElroy sports a MASCAC-best .445 batting average with 33 RBI, while fellow sophomore Nick Conti follows at .354 with 16 doubles and 31 RBI. Senior Matt Kerr leads the conference with a perfect 9-0 mark on the mound heading into the post-season.

Bridgewater State captured the 2011 MASCAC Baseball Championship with a win over

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Westfield State in the title game.

WSU PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Westfield State University senior outfielder Josh Blair of Westfield was named the conference player of the week. Blair batted .526 last week (10-19) with six doubled, a home run, seven RBIs, and seven runs scored in a 5-1 week for the Owls, including four hits and four runs in a twinbill sweep at Fitchburg State to go with three hits and three RBIs in a double-header sweep of MCLA.

**MASCAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

(Double Elimination Format)

**THURSDAY, MAY 3RD – FIRST ROUND**

Game #1: #4 Salem State (29-10-1, 9-5) at #1 Bridgewater State (27-13, 12-2) 3:00 pm

Game #2: #3 Framingham State (25-14, 10-4) at #2 Westfield State (20-16, 11-3) 3:00 pm

**SATURDAY, MAY 5TH – SEMI-FINALS (AT ALUMNI PARK, BRIDGEWATER, MASS.)**

Game #3: Game #1 Loser vs. Game #2 Loser 10:00 am

Game #4: Game #1 Winner vs. Game #2 Winner 1:00 pm

Game #5: Winner Game #3 vs. Loser Game #4 4:00 pm

**SUNDAY, MAY 6TH – CHAMPIONSHIP (AT ALUMNI PARK, BRIDGEWATER, MASS.)**

Game #6: Winner Game #4 vs. Winner Game #5 Noon

Game #7: Winner Game #4 vs. Winner Game #5 (if necessary) 30 min. following

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# Westfield Clips Curry In 10 Innings, 7-5

## *Owls Post Sixth Straight 20-Win Season*

MILTON – Westfield State University rallied for two runs in the 10th inning to defeat Curry College, 7-5, in non-conference play Sunday, April 29, at D. Forbes Will Field.

The Owls improve to 20-16 for their 20-th win season under the guidance of eighth year head coach Ray Arra. The Colonels fall to 16-22.

Westfield jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning when hot-hitting senior Josh Blair (Westfield, MA), who was named MASCAC player of the week, doubled to right field scoring freshmen Dan Rokitowski (Wappingers Falls, NY) from third base. With two outs in the second inning, freshmen Jeremy Tanguay (Huntington, MA) doubled to leftfield scoring junior Alex Cloutier (Westford, MA) from second to make it 2-0.

In the bottom of the second. the Colonels got on the board when freshmen Derek Pizarro (Cambridge, MA) scored to make it a one-run game.

In the third inning, the Owls came right back with a run when junior Andrew Medeiros (Acushnet, MA) singled up the middle driving in left fielder Blair.

In the fourth the Owls increased their lead to 5-1 when Rokitowski singled to right field scoring sophomore Kyle Colesanti (Mount Kisco, NY) and Tanguay scored from third on a wild pitch.

Curry sophomore Matt O'Neill (Milton, MA) started the sixth inning with a single to center field and moved to second after a single by freshmen Matt Warren (Wilbraham, MA). Both O'Neill and Warren swiped a base and O'Neill scored from third after an error to make the score 5-2.

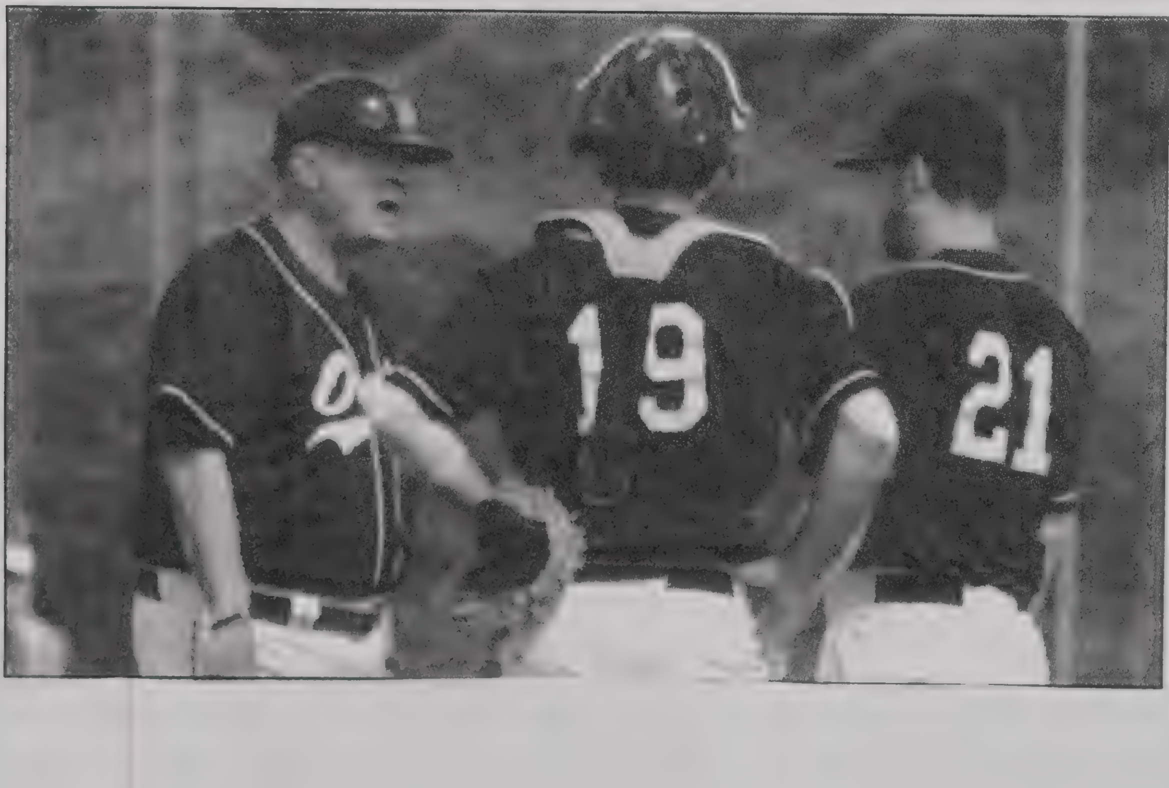
In the bottom of the seventh, the Colonels tacked on three more runs to tie the game at 5-5.

The game remained tied until the top of the 10th inning when junior Kevin Greene (Worcester, MA) scored on a passed ball followed by a sacrifice bunt from Colesanti to score Cloutier allowing the Owls to retake the lead at 7-5.

Westfield senior Curt Everett (Lexington, MA) closed the game to record his second save of the season. Sophomore Tommy Carroll (Shelton, CT) got the win; he pitched 2 1/3 innings giving up no runs on three hits while walking one and striking out two to improve his record to 5-3.

O'Neill (0-3) took the loss for the Colonels. He pitched three innings, giving up two runs (both unearned) on two hits and striking out two.

The Colonels will host Roger Williams on Thursday to open the double-elimination Commonwealth Coast Conference tournament at 3 p.m. The Owls will also play on Thursday hosting Framingham State in the MASCAC Tournament at 3 p.m.



*Head coach Ray Arra visits the mound to instruct catcher Andrew Medeiros and pitcher Curt Everett. The eighth-year head coach has guided the Owls to six straight 20-win seasons.* (File photo by Matt Jardin)

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# Owls, Rams split baseball doubleheader

## Siflinger pitches Westfield to 9-1 victory in opener

*Bret Siflinger returned to his hometown of Framingham to pitch the Owls to a 9-1 victory over Framin State.* (File photo by Matt Jardin)

FRAMINGHAM – The Framingham State University baseball team split a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) doubleheader this afternoon with Westfield State at Bowditch Field. The Owls capitalized on the Rams sloppy fielding to win game one 9-1, while the Rams rebounded with four extra base hits including a pair of homeruns to win game two 7-2.

With the split the Rams improve to 16-11 overall on the season and 4-2 in the conference, while the Owls are now 3-3 in the MASCAC and 11-14 overall.

Westfield State jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first in game one. Senior Matt Kelly (Weymouth, Mass.), junior Andrew Medeiros (Acushnet, Mass.) and Kevin Greene (Worcester) all singled to load the bases and freshman Tim Santilli (Southbridge, Mass.) drove in two with a base hit.

The Rams got one back in the bottom of the inning as senior Chris Blydell (Lynn, Mass.) hit a solo homer.

That was as close as the Rams would get in the opener as the Owls tacked on three in the second as they took advantage of a pair of Framingham errors. Two more unearned runs in the fourth and two in the sixth extended the Owls lead to 9-1.

Junior Bret Stiflinger (Framingham, Mass.) tossed a complete game surrendering just the one run on four hits with seven strikeouts and four walks. Sophomore Matt DiCato (Winthrop, Mass.) picked up the loss for the Rams going 5.2 innings and surrendering nine runs, five earned, with six strikeouts.

Blydell led the Rams with three hits including the homer, while sophomore Matt Roberge (Lowell, Mass.) accounted for the other hit.

Santilli went 1-for-3 at the plate for the Owls with two RBI, while Medeiros went 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored. Kelley, freshman Dan Rokitowski (Wappingers Fall, NY), Greene, and sophomore Kyle Colesanti (Mount Kisco, NY) each collected two hits.

In game two, the Rams used the long ball to break open a 2-1 game in the bottom of the third inning. Blydell led off the inning with a single and was sacrificed over to second. Senior Pedro Acevedo (Fall River, Mass.) singled scoring Blydell to tie the game. Sophomore Ivan Colon (Waltham, Mass.) followed with what would prove to be the game winning hit, a two-run homer to left center.

Blydell extended the Rams lead to 5-2 in the fourth with an RBI single. A solo homerun by Roberge and an RBI double off the bat of Chris Cole (Lynn, Mass.) accounted Rams final two runs in the f

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the only other Westfield player with multiple hits, finishing the day two-for-five with an RBI.

Sophomore Wil Francis and junior Tim Quagliaroli each pitched scoreless innings behind Crutcher in the win for Keene State.

Freshman Sean Ahern (Westfield, Mass.) dropped his first game of the season, only going one and a third innings, allowing five runs on five hits with only one strikeout.

Both teams return to action his Saturday with confernce doubleheaders. Keene tate hosts LEC rival Rhode land College at noon, while estfield State hits the road a MASCAC twinbill inst Framingham State at m.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Amherst Downs WSU, 9-1

AMHERST – Dylan Driscoll '14 surrendered only four hits in eight innings of work and Thomas Wheeler '12 went 2-for-4 with a game-changing double during the Amherst College baseball team's 9-1 win over Westfield State University on Wednesday.

Wheeler delivered a two-RBI double down the left field line to break a scoreless tie in the fourth inning, and the Lord Jeffs added four runs in the frame to give Driscoll all the run support he would need. Amherst improved to 11-5 on the season, while the Owls dropped to 9-10.

Driscoll struck out four and walked two while cruising through the first eight innings of the game, dropping his earned run average to 1.64 and improving his record to 2-0. His only slip-up came in the top of the fifth, when Jeremy Tanguay ripped a two-out line drive over the fence in left field for Westfield's lone run.

Amherst's Alex Hero '14 extended his hitting streak to 17 games by going 2-for-4, while Matt Kelly and Josh Blair had two hits apiece for the Owls.

Tommy Carroll took the loss on the hill after giving up six runs in the first four innings. Four of the runs he allowed were unearned, as he surrendered only five hits and walked two with three strikeouts. The Owls committed four errors on the day, while Amherst had two defensive miscues of its own.

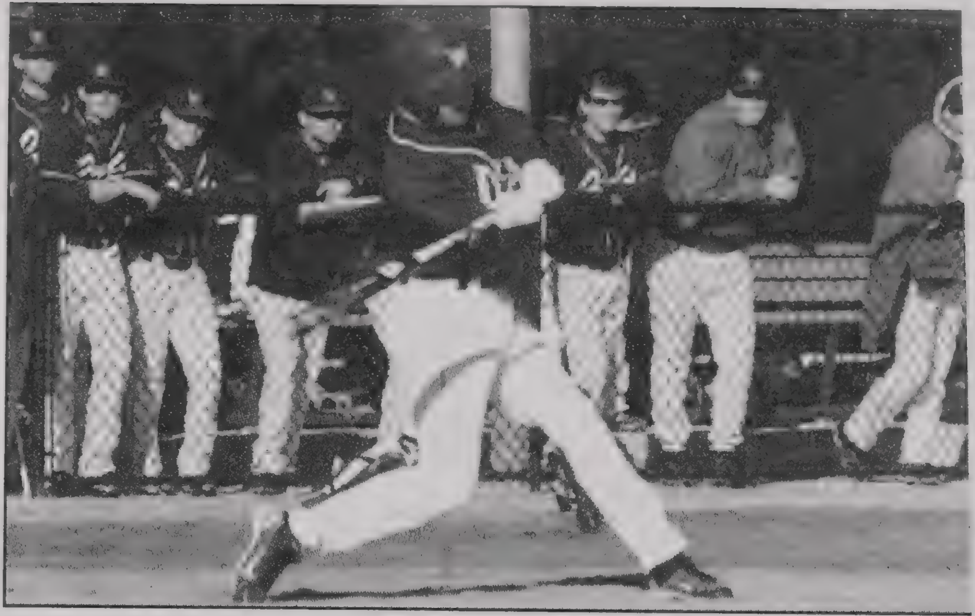
Westfield had runners on second and third with only one out in the top of the second inning, but an unusual double play got Driscoll out of the jam. Blair and Dan Rokitowski strung together singles and advanced on a sacrifice bunt, but Blair was caught in a rundown on a ground ball and eventually got tagged out. Rokitowski was also tagged out on the play after stepping away from third base, as there was confusion as to which runner was initially called out.

The Jeffs then scored six runs with two outs in the fourth inning, beginning with Wheeler sneaking a hard grounder inside the third base bag for a two-run double that scored Taiki Kasuga '14 and Kevin Heller '12. Amherst then took advantage of a Westfield error and added a pair of runs on a double by Brendon Hardin '15, also scoring twice on a pair of wild pitches to carry a 6-0 lead into the fifth.

After Tanguay belted his first homer of the season in the top of the fifth, Amherst got a run back in the seventh when Heller brought home Tyler Jacobs '15 on a sacrifice fly to center. Nolan Stewart '13 added an RBI single in the bottom of the eighth before the Jeffs scored their ninth run on another Westfield error. Adam Medoff '13 wrapped up the win by pitching the ninth inning for the Jeffs, recording a pair of groundouts and a strikeout to retire the final three batters of the game.

Heller was 1-for-2 with a walk, with his sacrifice fly leaving him only one RBI shy of tying the program's career mark of 119.

Amherst will begin a pivotal NESCAC West series against Williams College this Friday in Williamstown, while the Owls travel to Bridgewater State in a MASCAC doubleheader Friday at noon.



*Freshman third baseman Jeremy Tanguay hit a solo homer to account for the Owls' on in a 9-1 setback at Amherst. Tangquay leads the Owls with a .400 batting average.* (P
Matt Jardin)

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# Keene baseball trounces Westfield State, 12-3

KEENE, N.H. – Junior starter Chris Crutcher threw seven strong innings, and senior centerfielder Kyle Morrill went four-for-five, as the Keene State College baseball team upended the Westfield State Owls 12-3, in non-conference baseball action on Thursday afternoon, April 12.

In seven innings, Crutcher allowed just one earned run and scattered five hits with five strikeouts.

"Crutch (Crutcher) came out and threw well for us," said KSC head coach Ken Howe. "He commanded the strike zone really well and we put up some runs for him at the plate."

The Londonderry, N.H. native, who had been struggling with his command, only walked two to improve his record to 4-1 on the season.

"That was a real quality start," said Morrill of his teammate. "He had been struggling to throw strikes, but we gave him the big lead and he did the rest."

Morrill himself had a great day at the dish, scoring three times, and also driving in three runs and hitting a triple.

"We had a tough loss yesterday to Western New England," said Morrill. "The bats came alive for us and we were able to put up the 'W'."

KSC wasted little time hitting the scoreboard, as senior right-fielder Erik Bergstrom ripped an RBI double down the left-field line for the 2-0 advantage in the bottom of the first.

In the second, Keene State added four more, as Morrill's two-RBI triple down the right field line highlighted the inning and to give Keene a 6-0 lead.

Westfield State got on the scoreboard in the top of the third inning when third-baseman Jeremy Tanguay (Huntington, Mass.) scored on a KSC error to make it 6-1.

Westfield added another in the top of the fifth, as right-fielder Andrew Medeiros slapped an RBI triple to deep right field, scoring junior designated-hitter Tim Heintz to make it a 7-2 ballgame.

KSC added two more in the fifth on RBI singles from Tanner Chase and Vinnie Mangiagli. In the seventh, KSC tacked on three more, as Morrill and Andrew Gummow each had RBI singles to centerfield.

Westfield State threatened in the eighth, as centerfielder Kevin Greene scored on another KSC error, to account for the 12-3 final.

Mangiagli, Chase and Greg Bates joined Morrill as Owls with multiple hits in the victory. Freshman left-fielder Ian Seawards scored four runs in the victory.

Westfield starting shortstop Matt Kelly went three-for-five. Medeiros was

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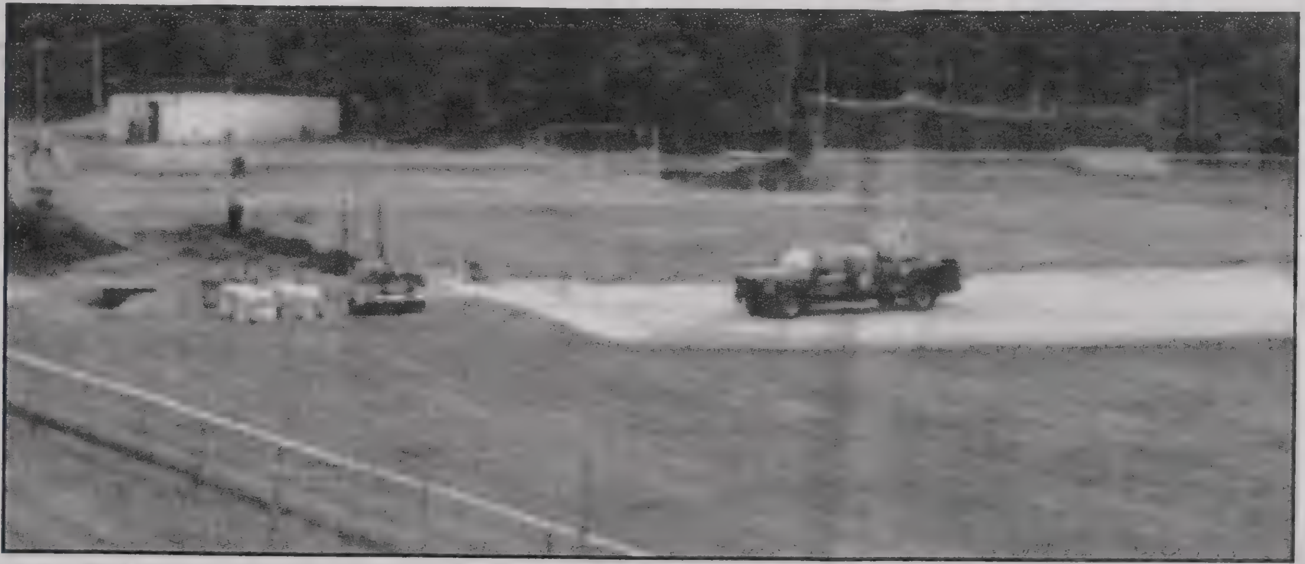

## WSU upgrades

*Topsoil is placed on the infield of the Westfield State baseball field recently. The Westfield State University baseball field is getting a facelift this fall, with the infield being redone and the construction of new dugouts. The Westfield State University softball field is also scheduled to receive new dugouts.* (Submitted Photo)

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# Westfield Men Capture MASCAC Track Title

## *Gauger Shatters Pole Vault Record; Corcoran Wins 400, 800*

GORHAM, Maine – Westfield State University captured its sixth straight Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Men's Indoor Track & Field title on Saturday, Feb. 11, as the Owls posted a 21-point victory over runner-up Worcester State at the 2012 Championships that took place at Southern Maine's Costello Athletic Fieldhouse Complex as part of the New England Alliance Championships.

Westfield State posted a team score of 188 points on the day to outdistance Worcester State's total of 167 points, while Bridgewater State (95 points) and Fitchburg State (71 points) rounded out the team competition in third and fourth place, respectively. The Owls have won all six MASCAC indoor championships, which have been contested since 2007.

"Going into the (MASCAC) meet we did not expect to win but we had some great performances and a lot of personal bests," said Westfield State head coach Sean O'Brien. "We had some people like Bobby Fitzgibbons who had a personal best in the high jump early in the meet and that seem to fire everybody up, that started things rolling. "These guys just take this meet serously."

In addition, Westfield State finished as the runner-up to UMass Dartmouth in the

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*Tom Gauger grins from ear to ear after setting school and conference records in the pole vault.*

and set new conference records in the pole vault (4.80 meters/15-9).

Gauger, who best vault prior to this year was 14-5, easily cleared 15-1 (view video clip on Owl website) to re-set his school record of 14-11 he had set last week. The only competitor remaining, he opted to take a big bump and move the bar to 15-9, which he just cleared to establish himself as one of the top Division III pole vaulters in the nation. Gauger did take three attempts at 16 feet but was unable to clear the height.

What made his 15-9 vault even more sensational is that he also competed in two other events for the Owls to aid them in winning the conference championship. The solid 6-1, 175-pounder placed sixth in the long jump (19-7) and

Westfield's other top MASCAC performers were Zack Madera (second, 55 meter dash; third, long jump; fifth, 200), Tim Concannon (fourth in long and triple jumps), Andrew Buanno (third, 55; sixth, 200; fifth, long and triple jumps), Jonathan Joyce(second, 3,000; third, 800); and Anthony Frissora (second, 1000 and mile runs).

Worcester State junior Todd Paquin (Pelham, N.H.) was the lone triple event winner during the competition, as he copped titles in the long jump (6.72 meters/22-00.75) as well as the 55 meters (6.57) and 200 meters (23.11), while the Lancers also broke the conference mark in the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 3:26.89.

Bridgewater State received individual

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*Brendan Corcoran powers his way to a victory in the 800 meter run.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

*Tom Gauger clears 15-9 in the pole vault.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

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# Gauger Garners All-America Honors

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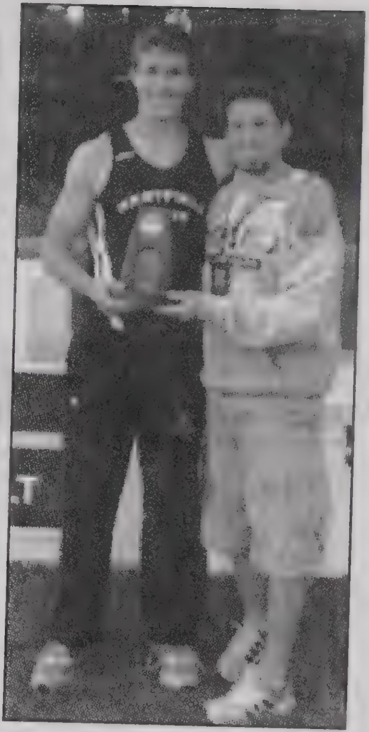

*Tom Gauger and Westfield State pole vault coach Jason Weber.*

### 2012 WSU MEN'S & WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

| Day | DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| Saturday | March 24 | Jerry Gravel Invitational | Westfield |
| Saturday | March 31 | Coast Guard Invitational | New London, CT |
| Saturday | April 7 | AIC Yellow Jacket Invitational | Springfield, MA |
| Saturday | April 14 | UMass Amherst Invitational | Amherst |
| Saturday | April 21 | Springfield College Invitational | Springfield |
| Saturday | April 28 | MASCAC/Alliance Championships | Westfield |
| Fri.-Sat. | May 4-5 | New England Division 3 Championships | MIT |
| Fri.-Sat. | May 11-12 | All New England Championships | MIT |
| Thu.-Fri. | May 17-18 | ECAC Division 3 Championships @RPI | Troy, NY |
| Thu.-Sat. | May 24-26 | NCAA Division 3 National Championships | |
| @ Claremont-Mudd-Scripps | | Claremont, CA | |

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# WSU takes lead in Smith Cup

Defending champion Westfield State University holds the lead in the 2011-12 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Howard C. Smith Cup standings at the conclusion of the fall sports seasons.

The Smith Cup is awarded annually to the member institution which compiles the most points based on the placement of each of its programs competing in the 15 league championship sports.

The Smith Cup is named in honor of former Massachusetts State College Trustee Howard C. Smith, who in 1970, urged the athletic directors of the eight State institutions to hold a series of meetings to discuss the possibility of forming an intercollegiate conference. In June of 1971, Smith's dream became a reality as an affirmative agreement was reached and the MASCAC was created.

Westfield State captured 80.71 percent (61.34 points) of a possible 76 points this fall and leads second place Bridgewater State University, which has claimed 70.18 percent (53.34 points) of a possible 76 points, by over 10 percent, as the Owls are looking for their fifth Smith Cup in the last six years.

Worcester State University is in third place with 66.24 percent (50.34 points) of a possible 76 points, while Framingham State University is next in fourth place after garnering 57.89 percent (44.00 points) of a possible 76 points to date.

Salem State University follows in fifth place at 46.88 percent, while Fitchburg State University (37.50 percent), MCLA (24.04 percent) and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (22.66 percent) follow in sixth, seventh and eighth place, respectively.

Salem State has won 19 of the 39 Smith Cups overall, while Bridgewater State has won or shared 11 Smith Cup crowns overall, including eight over the last 14 years.

Westfield State, which claimed outright MASCAC regular season titles this fall in men's cross country, women's cross country and volleyball while earning tri-champion accolades in women's soccer, has won or shared 10 Smith Cup titles.

The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, the nation's first Division III men's and women's playing conference, has a rich and storied tradition of competitive success while also celebrating excellence in the classroom.

MASCAC member schools include Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, MCLA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State University, Westfield State University and Worcester State University. Two other institutions, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Plymouth State University, are affiliate members of the conference in the sport of men's ice hockey.

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The 2011-12 Howard C. Smith Cup standings through the fall sport seasons are as follows:

| INSTITUTION | POINTS | POSS. PTS. | PCT. |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Westfield State** | **61.34** | **76** | **.8071** |
| Bridgewater State | 53.34 | 76 | .7018 |
| Worcester State | 50.34 | 76 | .6624 |
| Framingham State | 44.00 | 76 | .5789 |
| Salem State | 30.00 | 64 | .4688 |
| Fitchburg State | 24.00 | 64 | .3750 |
| MCLA | 12.50 | 52 | .2404 |
| Mass. Maritime | 14.50 | 64 | .226 |

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# Westfield places second in MASCAC

*Amanda Gricus, far right, is applauded by her teammates after shattering the conference records and re-setting her school record in the hammer throw with a sensational throw of 180 feet, two inches. See additional photo at bottom of the story.* **(Photo by Mickey Curtis)**

WESTFIELD – Led by seven meet record setting performances, the Worcester State University women's outdoor track and field team captured the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) on Saturday.

Worcester compiled 226 points to outdistance Westfield State (177), Bridgewater State (112) and Fitchburg State (94).

The MASCAC championship was held in conjunction with the New England Alliance championship, which included both MASCAC and Little East Conference schools. The University of Southern Maine won the nine-team Alliance championship with 170 points, followed by Worcester (150.5) and Westfield (106).

It was Worcester State's second MASCAC crown in the 22-year history of the championship. The Lancers also took top honors in 2010. Westfield had won 13 of the past 14 championships prior to this year.

The competition was outstanding in the MASCAC women's championships as 10 meet records were set and another record was tied.

Standout junior sprinter Briana Wise was a double winner for Worcester, hitting the tape first in the 100 and 200 meter dashes in meet record times of 12.16 and 25.17.

In addition, the Worcester 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relay squads posted victories in record clockings of 48.17 and 4:03.48, respectively.

Lancer freshman Alyssa Jasper also was a double winner, placing first in the shot put and the discus.

Also claiming MASCAC individual crowns for Worcester State were: Brittany Grueter (3,000 steeplechase), Christine Deininger (100 hurdles), Megan Taylor (400 hurdles), and Katie Cataldo (javelin).

Deininger and Taylor set meet records with times of 14.87 and 1:05.05, respectively, in the hurdles. Cataldo established a new standard with a toss of 40.31 meters (132-2) in the javelin.

Westfield had four individual winners, led by hammer thrower Amanda Gricus, who shattered the conference and school records with a sensational throw of 54.29 meters (180 feet, 2 inches). She is currently ranked second nationally in NCAA Division III.

Also placing first for the Owls were: freshman Amy Trainque (1500 meter run, 4:48.87), Amy Auclair (pole vault, 3.05 meters), and senior Laura Poore (triple jump, 11.00). Trainque set a new mark in the 1500 and Auclair tied her own meet record in the pole vault.

Poore had a fine all-around day as she placed third in the long jump and fourth in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. She was also a member of Westfield's second place 4 x 100 relay squad.

Also placing second for Westfield in the MASCAC meet were: Jesse Bylin (100 hurdles), Marie Gulino (400 meter dash), and Amy Wing (high jump), who edged freshman teammate Hannah Persson based on fewer misses. Placing third was Rachael Cardin in the 800 and 1500.

Bridgewater's Molly Rouillard bettered the MASCAC record in the 5.000 meter run by nearly 40 seconds with a time of 17:50.79).

Also finishing first for Bridgewater were: Sarah Lagasse (3,000 steeplechase, 11:01.07), Colleen Davis (400, 58.82), Melissa Harris (800 (2:20.57), and Carrie Robitaille (long jump, 5.20 meters).

Fitchburg had one individual champion as Emily Lane won the high jump by clearing 1.58 meters (5-2 1/4).

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*Westfield State seniors, left to right: Marissa Bonito, Amanda Gricus, Melissa Stomski, Kaitlyn Barth, Liz Abate, Amy Wing, Laura Poore.*

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## INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

# WSU sends pair to championships

Westfield State University senior Amanda Gricus (Marion, Mass.) and junior Tom Gauger (Billerica, Mass.) have qualified for the NCAA Division III indoor track and field national championships on March 9-10 at Grinnell College in Iowa.

Gricus is making her second consecutive appearance at the NCAA Division III national championships; she just missing earning All-America honors last season by placing ninth in the 20-pound weight throw. Gauger, the Owls' standout pole vaulter, is competing in the nationals finals for the first time.

Gricus and Gauger are both seeded sixth for the national championships. There are 15 competitors in the 20-pound weight and 13 pole vault competitors.

TOM GAUGER

"I am confident Amanda and Tom will represent Westfield State University well at the national championships," said Westfield veteran head coach Sean O'Brien. "Amanda has been to nationals before so she will not be overwhelmed by the atmosphere and she will be ready to compete. Tom has improved steadily this season and he has already competed in some big meets this year – the New England Division III, All-New England and ECAC championships."

Gricus and Gauger have both shattered school records this season. Gricus is ranked sixth with a throw of 17.88 meters (58 feet, 8 inches). Gauger has re-set the school record almost every weekend and has bettered his vaulting by two feet this season. At last weekend's ECAC championships, he cleared 5.01 meters (16 feet, 5 ¼ inches).

The weight throw and pole vault finals are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. CST, respectively, on Friday.

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# Gauger, Gricus Garner All-ECAC Honors

## *unior Pole Vaulter Smashes School Record By Clearing 16-5 1/4*

**By MICKEY CURTIS**
***Westfield State Sports nformation Director***

NEW YORK – Westfield State University junior Tom Gauger and senior Amanda Gricus earned all-conference honors at the ECAC Division III indoor track and field championships held at The Armory in New York City on March 2-3.

Gauger continued his sensational junior season by once again shattering his school record in the pole vault; the Billerica native tied for second by clearing 16-5 ¼. Gricus placed third in the 20-pound weight throw for the second straight year at the ECAC championships with a toss of 56-1 ½.

Both Gauger and Gricus are expected to qualify for the NCAA Division III national championships, which are scheduled for March 9-10 at Grinnell (Iowa) College. Gauger currently has the sixth-best pole vault in the country while Gricus is highly ranked with a school-record throw of 58-8 earlier this season.

Gauger passed on the first three heights at the highly competitive ECAC championships, opting to begin vaulting at 15-11 ¼. The strategy was successful as he cleared the school record height (his personal best had been 15-9) on his first attempt.

"We (began vaulting) at that point because we thought that is what it would take for him to qualify for nationals," said Westfield head coach Sean O'Brien.

Gauger wasn't done, however, as he cleared the eye-popping 16-5 ¼ on his first attempt. He and the two remaining competitors (MIT's Nathan Peterson and Brockport (N.Y.) State's Zach Ferrara) missed all three of their attempts at 17 feet. O'Brien noted that Gauger nearly cleared 17 feet on one of his attempts.

The trio then had a "jump off" to determine first place and Peterson cleared 16-10 on his first attempt to take the gold medal.

"Tom did an outstanding job," said O'Brien, who noted Gauger's best vault prior to this season was 14-6. "He put in a lot of hard work over the summer. Also, I think the pole vault clinic he attended in Reno (Nevada) over the semester break really helped him a lot."

Gricus' best of six throws came on her first attempt. Williams College's Amina Avril finished first (57-9 ½) followed by Tufts' Kelly Allen (56-8 ¾), both of whom Gricus had bested when she won the New England Division III championship.

"Amanda wasn't feeling well and she did the best she could," said O'Brien. "She will be ready for next week's national championships. She has been there before so that will be a big plus for her."

Other Owls competing at the ECAC finals were sophomore sprinter Zack Madera and the 4 x 800 distance medley relay squad of Brendan Corcoran, Cam Fairbanks, Anthony Frissora and Pat Regan. Madera placed 17th in the preliminaries of the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.08, just shy of his school record dash of 7.05 earlier this season. The relay squad finished ninth with a season-best clocking of 10:11.86.

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*Tom Gauger shattered his own school record by clearing 5.01 meters (16-5 1/4) in the pole vault.* (Photo by Jason Weber)

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*Westfield freshman Andrew Buanno is edged by an AIC runner at the finish line of the 4 x 100 relay.* **(Photos by Mickey Curtis)**

# Westfield men place 2nd in Gravel Classic

WESTFIELD, Mass. – The Westfield State University men's outdoor track and field team placed second in the Fourth Annual Jerry Gravel Classic held Saturday, March 24.

Division II American International College of Springfield finished first in the 15-team meet with 170 points followed by Westfield (110), Coast Guard (80) and Utica, N.Y. (72).

Westfield had two individual winners: junior standouts Brendan Corcoran and Tom Gauger. Corcoran was clocked in a fine early-season time of 1:53.65 in coasting to the victory in the 800 meter run. Gauger picked up where he left off during the indoor season by clearing 15-11 in the pole vault. Gauger also placed seventh in the long jump (20-1/4).

Junior Justin Ehrhardt, performed well in three throwing events. He finished third in both the shot put and discus and fourth in the hammer throw.

The Owls' other top performers were: sophomore Zack Madera (4th, 100; 6th, 200), senior Jonathan Joyce (3rd, 1500), senior Chris Kerr (4th, 110 hurdles; 3rd, javelin), 4 x 100 relay team (2nd, 43.19), Bobby Fitzgibbon (2nd, high jump), and Andrew Buanno (3rd, triple jump).

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# Westfield men place second at Coast Guard

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Westfield State captured its 13th MASCAC crown in 14 years by regaining the title at the 2011 league championships last April 30th on the campus of Fitchburg State University, as Head Coach Sean O'Brien's Owls topped 2010 champion Worcester State University by 21 points (210.50-189.50).

Bridgewater State University was next in third place with 123.50 points, while Fitchburg State University (86.50 points) and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (no team points) rounded out the competition in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Three individuals return looking to defend their respective event crowns for Westfield State, as senior Amanda Gricus, junior Rachael Cardin and sophomore Amy Auclair are the reigning champions in the hammer throw, 1,500 meters and pole vault, respectively.

Worcester State returns five MASCAC individual title holders looking to defend those honors, as senior Mara Kralian and junior Erin Donohue copped crowns in the long jump and 5,000 meters, while sophomores Hannah Werneth, Ali Barrett and Amanda Holden look to repeat in the shot put, 10,000 meters and 100 meter hurdles.

Bridgewater State senior Sarah Lagasse looks to defend both of her titles in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and the 400 meter hurdles, while fellow senior Co Davis and sophomore Melissa Chiasson look to repeat in the 400 meters and discus. Fitchburg State senior Madeline Merchant and junior Emily Lane round out the returning individual champions, as they look to defend their titles in the triple jump and high jump.

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*Westfield freshman Andrew Buanno is edged by an AIC runner at the finish line of the 4 x 100 relay.* (Photos by Mickey Curtis)

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# Westfield men place 2nd in Gravel Classic

WESTFIELD, Mass. – The Westfield State University men's outdoor track and field team placed second in the Fourth Annual Jerry Gravel Classic held Saturday, March 24.

Division II American International College of Springfield finished first in the 15-team meet with 170 points followed by Westfield (110), Coast Guard (80) and Utica, N.Y. (72).

Westfield had two individual winners: junior standouts Brendan Corcoran and Tom Gauger. Corcoran was clocked in a fine early-season time of 1:53.65 in coasting to the victory in the 800 meter run. Gauger picked up where he left off during the indoor season by clearing 15-11 in the pole vault. Gauger also placed seventh in the long jump (20-1/4).

Junior Justin Ehrhardt, performed well in three throwing events. He finished third in both the shot put and discus and fourth in the hammer throw.

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*Westfield State seniors, left to right: Marissa Bonito, Amanda Gricus, Melissa Stomski, Kaitlyn Barth, Liz Abate, Amy Wing, Laura Poore.*

# Westfield places second in MASCAC

WESTFIELD – Led by seven meet record setting performances, the Worcester State University women's outdoor track and field team captured the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) on Saturday.

Worcester compiled 226 points to outdistance Westfield State (177), Bridgewater State (112) and Fitchburg State (94).

The MASCAC championship was held in conjunction with the New England Alliance championship, which included both MASCAC and Little East Conference schools. The University of Southern Maine won the nine-team Alliance championship with 170 points, followed by Worcester (150.5) and Westfield (106).

It was Worcester State's second MASCAC crown in

*Amanda Gricus, far right, is applauded by her teammates after shattering the conference records and re-setting her school record in the hammer throw with a sensational throw of 180 feet, two inches. See additional photo at bottom of the story.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

4:03.48, respectively.

Lancer freshman Alyssa Jasper also was a double win-

tional throw of 54.29 meters (180 feet, 2 inches). She is currently ranked second

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# Westfield Clips Curry In 10 Innings, 7-5

## *Owls Post Sixth Straight 20-Win Season*

MILTON – Westfield State University rallied for two runs in the 10th inning to defeat Curry College, 7-5, in non-conference play Sunday, April 29, at D. Forbes Will Field.

The Owls improve to 20-16 for their 20-th win season under the guidance of eighth year head coach Ray Arra. The Colonels fall to 16-22.

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In the third inning, the Owls came right back with a run when junior Andrew Medeiros (Acushnet, MA) singled up the middle driving in left fielder Blair.

In the fourth the Owls increased their lead to 5-1 when Rokitowski singled to right field scoring sophomore Kyle Colesanti (Mount Kisco, NY) and Tanguay scored from third on a wild pitch.

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The game remained tied until the top of the 10th inning when junior Kevin Greene (Worcester, MA) scored on a passed ball followed by a sacrifice bunt from Colesanti to score Cloutier allowing the Owls to retake the lead at 7-5.

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The Colonels will host Roger Williams on Thursday to open the double-elimination Commonwealth Coast Conference tournament at 3 p.m. The Owls will also play on Thursday hosting Framingham State in the MASCAC Tournament at 3 p.m.

*Head coach Ray Arra visits the mound to instruct catcher Andrew Medeiros and pitcher Curt Everett. The eighth-year head coach has guided the Owls to six straight 20-win seasons.* (File photo by Matt Jardin)

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# Mondalto, Medeiros spark Owls to sweep

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WESTFIELD – Senior Roman Mondalto fired a one-hit shutout and junior Andrew Medeiros drove in five runs, including both game-winning hits, to lead Westfield State University to a 1-0 6-1 doubleheader baseball sweep of Worcester State in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) openers on Sunday, April 1.

Mondalto, a second-team All-New England selection with a 7-1 record last season, allowed just a fifth-inning single in his near masterpiece. Throwing strictly fastballs and cutters, he struck out three and retired 12 Lancers via groundouts.

Mondalto did walk three and hit two batters, but the crafty lefty picked off two batters attempting to steal second base and got a 4-3 double play to end the seven-inning game.

Westfield scored its lone run in the fourth inning. Josh Blair began the inning by reaching safely on an infield hit and advancing to second on a throwing error by the third baseman. Medeiros belted an RBI double to leftfield.

The Owls collected six hits off losing pitcher Nick Bonofiglio (2 strikeouts, 0 walks). Blair was 2 for 3.

Medeiros delivered the game-winning hit in the second inning of the nightcap when he blasted a three-run homer over the left-center field fence.

The Owls made it 4-0 in the third inning when Kevin Greene doubled, advanced to third on a groundout, and scored on a Blair double.

Westfield tacked on its final two runs in the fifth on two-out RBI singles by Medeiros and freshman Nick Champeau.

Worcester's only run came in the fifth and it was unearned as fresthman pitcher Mike Molta threw the ball into centerfield on a failed pickoff attempt with the bases loaded and two outs.

Molta hurled six strong innings, allowing five hits and a walk and fanning five. Kevin Zyrkowski pitched the final frame.

The Owls had nine hits in the nightcap, with Medeiros going 2 for 3 with his homer and four RBI. Blair was 2 for 2 with two runs scored and a double, and freshman first baseman Dan Rokitowski was 2 for 3.

Jeff Bolio, who broke up Mondalto's no-hit bid in the opener, doubled for one of the Lancers' five hits in the second game.

*Westfield State pitching ace Roman Mondalto.* (Photo by Matt Jardin)

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# Westfield Softball splits with Worcester

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WESTFIELD – Westfield State University and Worcester State University split a softball doubleheader on Sunday, April 1, to open play in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC).

Worcester held on to win the opener, 4-3, while Westfield pulled out a 5-2 victory in the nightcap.

Lauren Besozzi delivered the game-winning hit in the opener, when she rapped a two-out, two RBI single in the third inning to snap a 2-2 tie. Both runs were unearned as Westfield committed the only error of the game in the inning.

Westfield pulled to within a run, 4-3, in the bottom of the sixth when Brittany Dussault singled through the left side, advanced to second on a wild pitch, and Vicki Hill pounded an RBI double.

But winning pitcher Hannah Everson retired the next two batters to get out of the jam and she put the side down in order in the seventh. Everson allowed eight hits and a walk and struck out seven to notch the pitching victory.

Madeline Tomich was the losing pitcher. She gave up two walks and struck out 10, but she issued a walk and hit two batters that led to the Lancers' first-inning run.

Westfield took a 2-1 lead in the home half of the first when Molly Dunbar slammed a two-out, two-run double off Worcester third baseman Alex Kerr that forced Kerr to leave the game with an injury.

The Lancers tied the score at 2-all in the second when Ashley Howe hammered an RBI triple.

Howe, Besozzi and Carolyn Hassett each had two hits. Kerin DeGirolamo was 2 for 3 in the Owls` balanced eight-hit attack.

In the second game, Westfield pitcher Kerry Alcott had the game-winning hit when she lined a runscoring double to left-center field in the sixth inning to snap a 2-2 tie. The Owls added two insurance tallies on an RBI groundout by Amanda Flower and a RBI single by Kelly Kenney, who lined a shot off the leg of Worcester pitcher Kelly Winter that forced her to exit the game.

The Owls scored single runs in their first two at bats for an early 2-0 lead on an RBI double by Breanne Bisceglia and an RBI double by Molly Dunbar that scored Alcott from first base.

The Lancers scored an unearned run the fourth when Kaitlyn Storro reached safely on an infield error and scored on Aimee Lamoureux's double. The Lancers tied the score in the top of the sixth on an RBI single by Katie Roy.

Alcott went the distance for the pitching victory. She allowed seven hits and two walks and struck out two. Winter gave up nine hits and two walks and whiffed six.

Kenney, Bisceglia and Hill each had two hits. No player had more than one hit for the Lancers.

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# WSU's Gauger finishes fourth in pole vault

## *4 x 100 Relay Sprints to 6th Place in All-New Englands*

CAMBRIDGE – Westfield State University junior pole vaulter Tom Gauger finished fourth and the Owls' all-underclassmen 4 x 100 relay squad placed sixth at the All-New England outdoor track and field championships held May 11-12 at MIT.

The Owls garnered eight points to placed 26th in the final team standings in the all-divisions (I, II, III) championships.

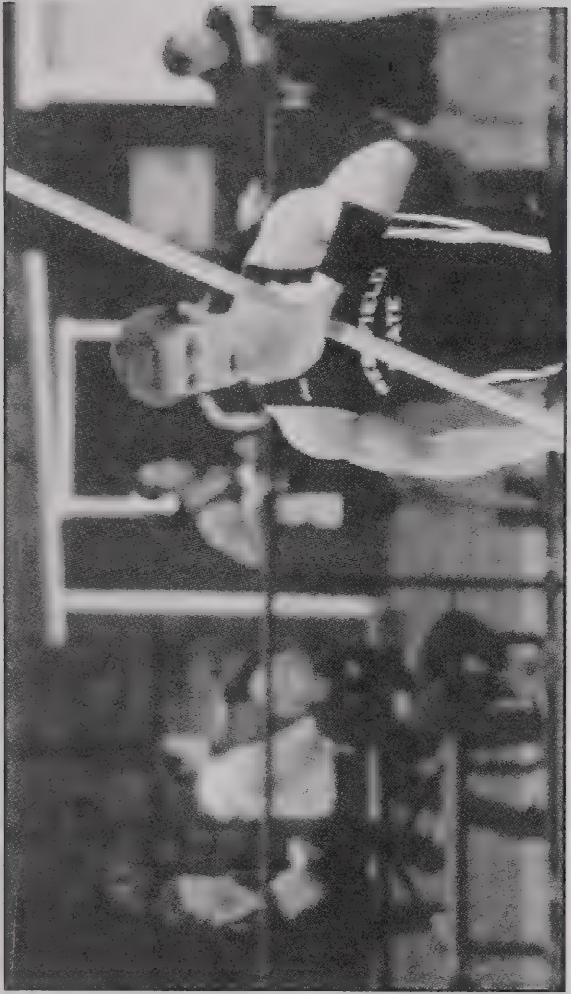
Gauger cleared 16 feet, 3/4 inches to earn All-New England honors. The 4 x 100 relay squad of junior John Murphy, sophomore Zack Madera and freshmen Ryan Bota and Devon Clements was clocked in 42.50.

Madera also competed in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, placing 11th (11.03) and 14th (22.34).

Participating in the 800 meter run were juniors Brendan Corcoran and Anthony Frissora, who placed 14th (1:53.92) and 21st (1:54.92), respectively.

Also competing for the Westfield men's team were: Justin Ehrhardt (16th, discus; 21st, shot put), Jeff Smith (23rd, javelin), and Chris Kerr (24th, javelin).

Representing the Westfield State women was Amanda Gricus, who fouled on her three attempts in the hammer throw.



*Junior Tom Gauger continued his quest to qualify for the NCAA Division III national ch pionships by clearing 16-3/4 at the All-New England meet this past weekend. Gauger wil competing in the ECAC Division III championships this week at RPI in Troy, N.Y.* (File p by Mickey Curtis)

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# Owls Place sixth at UMass Invitational

## Ehrhardt, Gauger, 4 x 100 Relay take top honors

AMHERST – The Westfield State University men's track and field team placed sixth at the UMass Amherst Springtime Invitational on Saturday, April 14.

UMass Amherst finished first in the highly competitive 13-team meet with 125 points, followed by Central Connecticut (97.5), AIC (75), UMass Dartmouth (73), Williams (71), and Westfield (70).

The Owls placed first in three of the 20 events. Justin Ehrhardt won the shot put with a personal best of 48-5 ½. The junior southpaw also placed fourth in the hammer throw (149-3) and fourth in the discus (134-0).

Junior national qualifier Tom Gauger won the pole vault by clearing 15-3. After winning the competition, Gauger raised the bar 10 inches and just missed clearing 16-1.

The Owls' hard-working 4 x 100 meter relay squad continued to impress as it finished first with a season-best 42.84, edging UMass Amherst (42.88). Owl relay members were Zack Madera, John Murphy, Ryan Bota and Andrew Buanno.

Madera also placed sixth in the 100 (11.36) and ninth in the 200 (22.48).

Placing second were Jeff Smith in the javelin (182-8) and Brendan Corcoran in the 800 (1:53.18). Corcoran was nipped at the tape by Amherst College's Matt Melton (1:53.06).

Bobby Fitzgibbon was fourth in the high jump (6-1 ¼) and Mike Kelleher came in fifth in the 3,000 steeplechase (10:15.13).

*Westfield's John Murphy (far right) and Andrew Buanno power their way to the finish line of the 200 meter dash. Buanno and Murphy were members of the Owls' 4 x 100 relay team that placed first at the UMass Amherst Invitational.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

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# Records shattered as Westfield men capture MASCAC track title

*WSU Athletic Department*

Westfield State University captured its sixth straight Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Men's Indoor Track & Field title on Saturday, Feb. 11, as the Owls posted a 21-point victory over runner-up Worcester State at the 2012 Championships that took place at Southern Maine's Costello Athletic Fieldhouse Complex as part of the New England Alliance Championships.

Westfield State posted a team score of 188 points on the day to outdistance Worcester State's total of 167 points, while Bridgewater State (95 points) and Fitchburg State (71 points) rounded out the team competition in third and fourth place, respectively. The Owls have won all six MASCAC indoor championships, which have been contested since 2007.

"Going into the (MASCAC) meet we did not expect to win but we had some great performances and a lot of personal bests," said Westfield State head coach Sean O'Brien.

"We had some people like Bobby Fitzgibbons who had a personal best in the high jump early in the meet and that seem to fire everybody up, that started things rolling. "These guys just take this meet seriously."

In addition, Westfield State finished as the runner-up to UMass Dartmouth in the 2012 New England Alliance Championships, which combines competition between institutions from both the MASCAC and Little East Conference.

The Corsairs posted a team score of 145 points to outdistance the Owls' mark of 94 points in the Alliance scoring. Westfield placed second in the 10-team New England Alliance meet despite claiming only one first place (Tom Gauger in the pole vault).

Six different individuals captured MASCAC crowns on the day for Westfield State, led by junior Brendan Corcoran (Walpole, Mass.), who took titles in both the 400 meters (50.72) and 800 meters (1:57.89) and broke his own conference record in the latter event, and a sensational effort from junior Tom Gauger (Billerica, Mass.), who shattered his own school record and set new conference records in the pole vault (4.80 meters/15-9).

Brendan Corcoran powers his way to a victory in the 800 meter run.

Gauger, who best vault prior to this year was 14-5, easily cleared 15-1 (view video clip on Owl website) to re-set his school record of 14-11 he had set last week.

The only competitor remaining, he opted to take a big bump and move the bar to 15-9, which he just cleared to establish himself as one of the top Division III pole vaulters in the nation. Gauger did take three attempts at 16 feet but was unable to clear the height.

What made his 15-9 vault even more sensational is that he also competed in two other events for the Owls to aid them in winning the conference championship. The solid 6-1, 175-pounder placed sixth in the long jump (19-7) and seventh in the triple jump (38-8 3/4).

"Tom was oustanding," said O'Brien. "I am confident he can clear 16 feet."

The Owls also received individual crowns from seniors Pat Regan (Wilbraham, Mass.) and Chris Kerr (Monson, Mass.), junior Bobby Fitzgibbon (Walpole, Mass.) and sophomore Cam Fairbanks (Hopkinton, Mass.) in the 600 meters (1:24.79), 55 meter hurdles (8.08), high jump (1.93 meters/6-4) and mile run (4:26.00), respectively. Regan also placed third in the mile run and Fairbanks was fourth in the 1,000 meter run.

Fitzgibbon had a personal best in the high jump as did Justin Ehrhardt in the shot put, who placed second with a heave of 48-4. Ehrhardt also finished sixth in the weight throw.

Westfield's other top MASCAC performers were Zack Madera (second, 55 meter dash; third, long jump; fifth, 200), Tim Concannon (fourth in long and triple jumps), Andrew Buanno (third, 55; sixth, 200; fifth, long and triple jumps), Jonathan Joyce (second, 3,000; third, 800); and Anthony Frissora (second, 1000 and mile runs).

Worcester State junior Todd Paquin (Pelham, N.H.) was the lone triple event winner during the competition, as he copped titles in the long jump (6.72 meters/22-00.75) as well as the 55 meters (6.57) and 200 meters (23.11), while the Lancers also broke the conference mark in the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 3:26.89.

Bridgewater State received individual crowns from junior Michael McPherson (Mansfield, Mass.) and sophomores Joshua Danner-Hicks (Haverhill, Mass.) and Andrew Sukeforth (Middleboro, Mass.) in the shot put (15.35 meters/50-04.50), triple jump (13.62 meters/44-08.25) and 1,000 meters (2:32.08), as McPherson broke a seven-year old MASCAC mark in his event, while the Bears also set a new league standard in the 4 x 800 relay with a time of 8:09.12.

Fitchburg State's senior tandem of Matt Muolo (Stoneham, Mass.) and Chris Kibler (Bath, Maine) rounded out the list of individual champions with record-setting performances in the weight throw (18.40 meters/60-04.50) and 3,000 meters (8:42.04), respectively, as Muolo broke his conference record in his event.

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# Westfield State athletes qualify for NCAA final

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University will be represented once again at the NCAA Division III outdoor track and field national championships, which take place Thursday-Saturday at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College in Claremont, Calif.

Participating for the Owls at the 2012 NCAA championships will be senior hammer thrower Amanda Gricus of Marion, Mass. and junior pole vaulter Tom Gauger of Billerica, Mass.

Both Gricus and Gaugaer have experience on the national level, having competed at the 2012 indoor track and field championships. Gricus earned All-America honors by placing second in the 20-pound weight throw with a school record heave of 61 feet even. In addition, she participated in the 2011 indoor championships, finishing ninth in the weight throw.

Gauger qualified for the indoor championship by clearing a school record height of 16-5 ¼, but he failed to clear any height at the national meet.

Gauger qualified for the 20th and final spot for the outdoor nationals by clearing 16-1 ¼ at last weekend's ECAC championships. He just missed clearing 16-5 at the ECAC meet.

"I am not sure what height Tom will be going in at the outdoor meet but a goal for him is to clear a height," said Westfield State veteran head coach Sean O'Brien. "Tom has the capability to place at nationals, but a lot of pole vaulting is precise timing, especially on the ground even before you go over the bar."

Gricus is ranked third in the hammer throw with a school record toss of 183 feet even in capturing the ECAC championships this past weekend. She also won the New England Division III title with a toss of 182-2 two weeks ago.

Alexia Childs and Samantha Loew – both from perennial power Wisconsin Oshkosh – are ranked first and second, respectively, with throws just over 190 feet.

*Amanda Gricus, coach Sean O'Brien, and Tom Gauger will be at the NCAA track and field champion again this year. Gricus and Gauber competed in the indoor national finals in February.*

"Amanda has thrown 190 feet in practice," said O'Brien. "She just has to be consistent and slow t down a bit in the throwing cir

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# Owls Place 12th At New England Finals

SPRINGFIELD – Led by school record-setting performances from sophomore sprinter Zack Madera and the 4 x 800 relay team of Brendan Corcoran, Anthony Frissora, Cam Fairbanks and Pat Regan, Westfield State University finished 12th in the New England Division III men's indoor track and field championships on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Springfield College.

The Westfield relay squad placed second with a time of 7:52.63, trailing only Bowdoin College, which was clocked in 7:50.59. Bates placed third in 7:56.10.

The Owl foursome barely broke a 26-year old school record with its outstanding effort. The Westfield 4 x 800 meter relay squad of Paul Murphy, Dave Sinnery, Mark Smith, John Whidden was clocked in 7:52.7 in 1986.

Madera set a new school standard in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7:05 in the preliminaries. Madera was seeded fifth after the trials but he stumbled out of the starting blocks in the finals and finished seventh in 7.60.

Placing third for Westfield was junior Tom Gauger in the exciting pole vault competition. Gauger, who shattered the school record last week (15-9), recorded his second best vault ever (15-5). Tufts junior Brad Nakaniski cleared 15-11 on his final attempt to win the pole vault. Nathan Peterson of MIT placed second at 15-5 as he was awarded the tiebreaker over Gauger.

Also earning All-New England honors for the Owls was junior Justin Ehrhardt, who placed sixth in the shot put (48-0).

*Westfield State sophomore Zack Madera (middle) of Southwick set a school record in the 60 meter dash at the New England Division III indoor track and field championships held at Springfield College.* (Photo by Mickey Curtis)

# WSU Men, Women Track Down 1-2 Ranking In Polls

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass. – The Owls of Westfield State University and the Lancers of Worcester State University are the pre-season picks to win their respective 2012 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field championships in a vote of the league's coaches.

Westfield State captured all five first place votes on the men's side to amass 25 points and outdistance runner-up Worcester State's total of 18 points.

Fitchburg State follows in third place with 15 points, while Bridgewater State and Massachusetts Maritime rounded out the poll in fourth and fifth place with 10 and seven points, respectively.

Worcester State claimed four first place votes on the women's side in collecting 24 points to edge out Westfield State, which took the other first place vote in amassing 21 points.

Bridgewater State follows in third place with 15 points, while Fitchburg State and Massachusetts Maritime rounded out the poll in fourth and fifth place with 10 and five points, respectively.

The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, the nation's oldest Division III men's and women's playing conference, has a rich and storied tradition of competitive success while celebrating excellence in the classroom.

MASCAC member schools include Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, MCLA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State University, Westfield State University and Worcester State University. Two other institutions, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Plymouth State University, are affiliate members of the conference in the sport of men's ice hockey.

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*Tom Gauger cleared a school record 14-7 1/4 in the pole vault.* (File photo by Mickey Curtis)

# Gauger, Whitaker Pace Owls At SMU Meet

## *Gauger Sets School Record In Pole Vault; Whitaker Wins Four Events*

GORHAM, Maine – Junior Tom Gauger set a school record in the pole vault and freshman Xavier Whitaker won four events to lead Westfield State to a second place team finish at the University of Southern Maine indoor track and field tri-meet on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Gauger re-set his own school standard in the pole vault by clearing 14-7 1/4, surpassing his previous record by two inches. Whitaker was in midseason form as he finished first in the 55 meter dash (6.68), 200 meter dash (23.47), long jump (21-10 1/4) and triple jump (44-5 1/4).

Whitaker actually tied for first with freshman classmate Andrew Buanno in the 55 meter dash. Sophomore Zack Madera placed third in the short sprint and second in the 200.

Also finishing first was Jonathan Joyce in the 5,000 meter run (15:39.87) and Anthony Frissora in the 1,000 meter run (2:32.60).

Placing second were Justin Ehrhardt (shot put, weight throw), Bobby Fitzgibbon (high jump) and Brendan Corcoran (400 meter dash).

Here are the final team standings:

**MEN'S TEAM SCORES**

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| 1. Bowdoin | 74 |
| 2. Westfield State | 65 |
| 3. Southern Maine | 39 |
| 4. Saint Joseph's (Me.) club | 6 |

# Gricus Named MASCAC Field Athlete Of Week

## *Senior Standout Wins Weight Throw at Dartmouth College Indoor Classic*

HANOVER, N.H. – Westfield State University senior Amanda Gricus was selected the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) field athlete of the week after placing first in the 20-pound weight throw at the Dartmouth College Indoor Classic on Saturday.

Gricus won the top-flight competition with a fine throw of 55-9 3/4 in preparation to defend her title at the New England Alliance/MASCAC championships this Saturday, Feb. 11, at Southern Maine. The senior standout is currently ranks seventh nationally.

Westfield's other top performers at the Dartmouth Indoor Classic were: Megan Faunce (10th, 60 meter dash; 11th, 200 meter dash), Rachael Cardin (7th, 1,000 meter run, 3:10.61, named to the MASCAC weekly honor roll), Amy Trainque (11th, mile run with a fine time of 5:15.66), 4 x 200 meter relay team ofAmy Campbell, Jessica Bylin, Rebecca Segal, Megan Faunce (3rd place), and Amy Auclair (7th, pole vault).

AMANDA GRICUS

Both Trainque and Cardin qualified for the New England Division III championships, scheduled for Feb. 17-18 at Smith College in Northampton.

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*om Gauger sprints down the pole vault runway.* **(File photo by Mickey Curtis)**

# ;auger, Corcoran selected Athletes Of Week

## *;auger Sets School Record By Clearing 14-11 In Pole Vault*

HANOVER, N.H. – Westfield State University juniors ım Gauger and Brendan Corcoran was named the assachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference 1ASCAC) track and field athletes of the week for their st place performances at the Dartmouth College Indoor assic on Saturday.

Gauger won the top-flight pole vault competition with winning and new school record height of 14-11. ıuger set the pole vault school record earlier this sea-n by clearing 14-7 1/4. Dartmouth's Josh Cyphers also :ared 14-11 but Gauger took top honors based on fewer isses.

Corcoran won the 400 meter dash with a fine time of ı.88, defeating the University of New Hampshire's Sean Mitchell (51.10).

Westfield's other top performances at Dartmouth were: Zach Madera (4th, 60 meter dash; 11th, 200 meter dash), Cam Fairbanks (5th, 1,000 meter run), Anthony Frissora (6th, 1,000 meter run), Jonathan Joyce (6th, 3,000 meter run), Chris Kerr(9th, 60 meter hurdles), Andrew Buanno (10th, long jump; 3rd, triple jump), Justin Ehrhardt (3rd, shot put; 6th weight throw), andAnthony Raneri (8th, shot put; 10th, weight throw).

Madera tied the school record in the 60 meter dash with a 7.10; he shares the record with Marc Gomes. Madera qualified for both the ECAC and New England Division III championships. The New England finals will be held Feb. 17-18 at Springfield College.

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*Westfield State runners take off at the start of the James Earley Invitational.*

# Lady Owls Place Second In Earley Invite

WESTFIELD, Mass. – The Westfield State University women's cross-country team turned in a strong showing by finishing second in the 16th Annual James Earley Invitational held Saturday at Stanley Park.

Placing three runners in the top 15 of the large field of 354 runners, Westfield totaled 85 points in the 38-team invitational, trailing only Coast Guard's 68 points.

The Owls were led by freshmen Amy Trainque and Olivia Marshall, who finished third and fifth, respectively, with times of 19:01.55 and 19:10.54 on the 5,000-meter course. Bridgewater's senior Molly Rouillard finished first in 18:45.91 followed by Coast Guard freshman Beth Gollin (18:51.66).

Also running well for Westfield were: senior Marissa Bonito (14th place), junior Rachael Cardin (23rd), and Nicole Foucher (40th).

## UCS NATIONAL POLE VAULT SUMMIT

*Westfield State sophomore Amy Auclair, pole vault coach Jason Weber, and junior Tom Gauger in Reno, Nevada.*

# Owl Pole Vaulters Compete

Westfield State University track and field athletes Tom Gauger and Amy Auclair participated in the UCS National Pole Vault Summit at the Livestock Events Center in Reno, Nevada, from Jan. 18-21.

3/4 and Auclair finished third with an effort of 10-0.

"It was a great experience for Tom and Amy," said Westfield pole vault coach Jason Weber. "They learned some valuable tech-

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# Westfield Men finish third in Earley Invite

WESTFIELD, Mass. – The Westfield State University men's cross-country team finished third out of 31 teams in the 16th Annual James Earley Invitational hosted by Westfield State at Stanley Park on Saturday, Oct. 8.

With three runners placing in the top 25 in the large field of 306 runners, the Owls totaled 140 team points, trailing the Greater Boston Track Club (102) and Coast Guard (67). Westfield edged conference rival Bridgewater State (142 points) for third place.

Salem State senior Alex Gomes crossed the finish line first with a time of 25:43.90 on the 8,000 meter course. Westfield was led by sophomore Brandon Mulligan (19th place, 27:16.21), junior Anthony Frissora (23rd, 27:23.09) and senior Jonathan Joyce (24th, 27:28.91). Sophomore Cam Fairbanks (39th), freshman Dan Shepard (50th) and sophomore Reed Sutherland (51st) rounded out Westfield's top six.

*Westfield's top runners surge in front at the start of the 16th annual James Earley Invitational.*

# Owls Finish Third At Trinity College Invitational

*Senior Marissa Bonito* (File photo by Mickey Curtis)

MANCHESTER, Conn. – The Westfield State University women's cross country team opened its 2011 season by placing third in the Trinity College Bantam Invitational held at Wickham Park on Saturday.

The University of Hartford took top honors in the seven-team invitational with 47 points, followed by Adelphi (55), Westfield State (72), Trinity (77), Connecticut College (85), Manhattanville (178), and Mitchell College (214).

Senior co-captain Marissa Bonito was Westfield's top runner, placing third overall with a time of 17:34 on the 4,000 meters course. Megan Barry of the University of Hartford crossed the finish line first in 16:57 and Trinity's Katlin Mock placed second in 17:24.

The Owls' other top runners were: freshman Amy Trainque (7th, 17:46), junior Rachae Cardin (15th, 18:11), freshman Olivia Marshall (17th 18:19), and junior Lynsay Wray (30th, 19:05).

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# Westfield Women Finish Second In MASCAC

## *Gricus Shatters Weight Throw Record; Trainque Double Winner*

GORHAM, Maine – Worcester State captured its third straight Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Men's Indoor Track & Field title on Saturday, Feb. 11, as the Lancers posted a 109-point victory over runner-up Westfield State at the 2012 Championships that took place at Southern Maine's Costello Athletic Fieldhouse Complex as part of the New England Alliance Championships.

Worcester State posted a team score of 242 points on the day to outdistance Westfield State's total of 133 points, while Bridgewater State (97 points) and Fitchburg State (73 points) rounded out the team competition in third and fourth place, respectively. The Lancers and Westfield's Owls have now split the six MASCAC indoor championships, which have been contested since 2007.

"With the women we had we did well," said Westfield State head coah Sean O'Brien.

Six different individuals captured conference crowns on the day for Worcester State, led by junior Briana Wise (Worcester, Mass.), who took top honors and set new conference records in both the 55 meters (7.23) and 200 meters (25.30). Sophomores Hannah Werneth (North Yarmouth, Maine) and Christy Deininger (North Attleboro, Mass.) also set conference marks in the shot put (12.30 meters/40-04.25) and 55 meter hurdles (8.39), respectively, for the Lancers, who also received individual titles from senior Mara Kralian (North Grafton, Mass.), sophomore Megan Taylor (Danvers, Mass.) and freshman Brittany Hodgerney (Leicester, Mass.) in the long jump (5.21 meters/17-01.25), 600 meters (1:41.14) and 400 meters (1:00.98), respectively. Worcester State also set a new MASCAC mark in the 4 x 200 relay with a time of 1:45.55 in the event.

*Amanda Gricus watches as she heaves the 20-pound weight a school record 57-11 1/4.*

Westfield State freshman Amy Trainque (Fitchburg, Mass.) was also a double winner on the day, as she took top honors in both the mile run (5:22.60) and 3,000 meters (10:15.17), setting a new conference record in the latter event. Senior Amanda Gricus(Marion, Mass.) broke her own league mark in the weight throw (17.66 meters/57-11 1/4) for the Owls, who also received individual crowns from seniorAmy Wing (North Reading, Mass.) and sophomore Amy Auclair (Marlboro, Mass.) in the high jump (1.58 meters/5-2 1/4) and pole vault (3.05 meters/10-0), respectively.

Gricus shattered her school and conference records in the 20-pound weight throw by more than two feet. Last year she set new school and conference standards with a throw of 55-9. Gricus also finished second in the shot put in this year's MASCAC championships

"That was just amazing," O'Brien said of the record-setting effort by Gricus. "She is just glad to be here (for a fifth year of school) with the goal of getting to nationals again (she placed ninth at nationals last year).

Westfield's other top finishers in the MASCAC meet were: Carolyn Connolly (third, high jump; fifth, 800), Kaitlyn Barth (fourth, triple jump); Liz Abate (4th, weight throw), Cassidy Noonan (third, 600), Rachael Cardin (second, 1,000; third, mile); Kellie Lodge (second, mile); and Olivia Marshall (fourth, mile; fifth, 3,000).

Bridgewater State seniors Carrie Robitaille (Ludlow, Mass.) and Melissa Harris (Uxbridge, Mass.) captured individual titles in the triple jump (10.75 meters/35-3 1/4) and 800 meters (2:25.08), while junior Molly Rouillard (Dartmouth, Mass.) took the crown in the 1,000 meters (3:06.66) for the Bears, who set new MASCAC marks in both the 4 X 400 relay (4:06.78) and 4 X 800 relay (9:58.64).

Worcester State finished as the runner-up to host Southern Maine in the 2012 New England Alliance Championships, which combines competition between institutions from both the MASCAC and Little East Conference. The Huskies posted a team score of 168 points to outdistance the Lancers' mark of 136 points in the Alliance scoring.

Westfield State placed sixth in the 10-team Alliance meet. Gricus was the Owls' only Alliance champion with her record-setting perfomance in the weight throw.

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# Cross-Country program tops in MASCA

**By CHRIS PUTZ**
*Staff Writer*

WESTFIELD — The Westfield State University cross-country program is the team to beat in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Cross Country.

The Westfield State men's team edged out defending conference champion Bridgewater State in 61-55 in first place votes in a recent league-wide vote. Fitchburg (51 points), Worcester State (35), and Massachusetts Maritime (34) rounded out the top five.

The MASCAC coaches chose defending conference champion Westfield State to repeat, handing the Lady Owls six first-place votes and 61 points. Bridgewater amassed 57 points and the remaining two first-place votes.

Fitchburg State and Salem State followed in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

FOOTBALL PICKED FIFTH: Defending New England Football Conference champion Endicott College is the choice of the NEFC coaches to defend its title, as the

2011 crown. Westfield State University, which plays Endicott for the first time ever in the Owls' Sept.

the NEFC Bogan Division.

Endicott earned the top spot in the Boyd Division, being projected as the top team in the division by six of the eight coaches in the division. The Bogan Division coaches are looking at a rematch of the 2010 championship game, as Maine Maritime Academy was a runaway choice for the top spot on the Bogan side. Five of the eight Bogan Division mentors selected the Mariners first in the poll.

Framingham State and Bridgewater State were locked in a tight race for second in the Bogan

point, while Western New
is selected as runner-up in th

Curry, projected as the
place finisher in the Boyd I
nonetheless received the
most votes as the potential
ence champion with
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The NEFC Championsh
will be played on Novemb
the site of the Boyd Divisior

– Story compiled from inf
courtesy of Westfield
University and MASCAC.

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*Senior Jonathan Joyce placed second out of 177 runners at the Western New England Invitational.* (Photo By Mickey Curtis)

# Owls Place 2nd At Cross Country Invitational

SPRINGFIELD – The Westfield State University men's cross country team placed second in the 16-team Western New England Invitational on Saturday morning, Oct. 15.

WPI won the team title with 45 points, closely followed by Westfield with 53 points. Roger Williams finished third (97).

The Owls placed three runners in the top 10 and five in the top 18. However, WPI had five runners in the top 15 and seven in the top 20.

Westfield senior Jonathan Joyce placed second with a time of 26:45.66 on the 8,000 meter course. Sophomore Antoine Gisore of New England College coasted to the individual title in 26:08.47.

Brandon Mulligan and Cam Fairbanks placed ninth and 10th, respectively, for the the Owls. Anthony Frissora finished 14th and Daniel Shepard was 18th. Westfield's other top runners were Steve Connolly (27th) and Mike Kelleher (28th).

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*Westfield State freshman Amy Trainque finishes strong in winning in the individual title at the Western New England Invitational.* (Photos By Mickey Curtis)

# Westfield Women Win WNE Invitational

## *Owls Place Four In The Top Five In 19-Team Cross Country Meet*

SPRINGFIELD – The Westfield State University women's cross country team placed four runners in the top five to capture the team title in the Western New England Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The Owls totaled 30 points in the 19-team meet, followed by WPI (42) and Clark (97).

Westfield freshman Amy Trainque won the individual title, placing first with a time of 19:12.44 on the 5,000 meter course. WPI junior Vicky Hewey finished second in 19:18.75.

Owl freshman Olivia Marshall finished third in 19:48.06, followed by senior Marissa Bonito (4th, 19:57.34) and junior Rachael Cardin (5th, 20:09.75).

Rounding out Westfield's scoring was fresman Nicole Foucher, who finished 17th. Junior Lynsay Wray was 21st.

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# Owls place second in MASCAC Golf Finals

*Sophomore Tyler LaBonte was Westfield's low medalist with an 80 in placing fourth overall at the MASCAC championships.*
(File photo by Mickey Curtis)

SUTTON – Salem State senior Nick Zolotas and sophomore Tom Grant both placed in the top five to help the Vikings capture their fourth consecutive and 13th MASCAC Championship yesterday at the par-72 Blackstone National Golf Course.

The crown marks SSU's third consecutive title. The tournament was restarted in 2010 after a 19-year hiatus. The team score for the Vikings of 312 (+24) is one stroke better than their previous victory last season.

Westfield State took home the runner-up trophy with a combined score of 343 (+55) and Worcester State followed with a team tally of 351 (+63). Three individuals for MCLA competed in a tournament field of 19 competitors as they did not have the required number for a team score.

Zolotas dominated the field with a round of 66 (-6) which was three strokes off the course record of 63. He was -4 on the four par-5 holes, had only two bogeys, and recorded an eagle on the par-4, 346-yard sixth hole. Zolotas also improved on his first place finish from a year ago at the 2011 MASCAC Championship by three strokes when he shot 69 (-3).

Senior Shane Ortega of MCLA placed second with a score of 77 (+5). Grant carded a 79 (+7) which was good for third place and Ty
LaBonte of Westfield State handed in a card
(+8) for fourth place. MCLA junior Sean C
came in fifth place with a final score of 81 (+

Worcester State junior Joe Belanger
Salem State freshman Craig Farley both tied
sixth with scores of 83 (+12). Senior Cl
Berry (Rutland, MA) and junior Matt Sebe
both of Salem State – took home eighth pl
scorecards (84; +12).

Junior Rory Wilkowich of Westfield
second-year James Letourneau of Worce
State rounded out the top-ten as they tied w
scores of 86 (+14).

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